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Visiting the Herald-Traveler Building

Two weeks ago some of the boys visited the Herald-Traveler Building on Mason Street. We were met by a guide, who took us in an elevator to the top floor. We visited each floor and noted the different steps necessary in the making of a newspaper. The most interesting single item was the battery of teletypes. These are electric typewriters which, from one central location are operated in many nearby, or distant places. It is the fastest method yet known to newspapers. We visited the financial department, sports department and other places. When we came to the library the librarian met us and told us what a fine school F. T. S. was. Then Leslie R. Jones '06, met us and, after inquiring about the snowball battle, acted as our guide. He led us into the dark room and showed us how prints are made. The Herald has several small booths fitted for developing and fixing plates and a photographer never has to wait. Prints are made from enlarging machines. After leaving Mr. Jones we visited the art department where Mr. Dahl, whose cartoons are on the comic sheet each day, showed us how he does this work. We watched him do one for the next day's paper. Later we visited the composing rooms, and watched page after page be made up, and stereotype mats then made from the type. A linotype operator explained this intricate machine. We then saw many other large machines, which are all a part of the modern newspaper. We visited the stereotyping department and the foreman asked us to wait a moment, until the new front page mat came. It fell through a chute, and was immediately put in a casting machine. A complete front page form was reproduced from this every fifteen seconds. Seven were made and speedily sent to the press room where the pressmen put them in as many presses. Before we were aware of it the presses were started and were delivering 60,000 papers an hour. We watched the presses for awhile, then left the building to be confronted everywhere with newsboys chanting the headlines of the paper we had seen, only a few minutes before, in the form of a paper mat.

We had a very interesting visit and wish to thank Mr. Jones for the courtesies he showed us.

Edward F. West I

Early Baseball Practice

Baseball season is always looked forward to by the boys. They like to get out in the air, after having been playing a schedule of basketball games in the gymnasium during the winter.

After the spring thaw we did not use our baseball field, because footprints and heel marks would cut the soft sod and make it difficult to play upon during the summer. Instead we used the field behind the apparatus and played scrub.

Scrub is a game in which few or many boys may take part. Two are at bat, and the others play anywhere in the field. It is much fun and the boys like it.

Reginald A. Burlingame II

Poultry House Work

The first thing we do in the morning when we get to the poultry house is to clean the dropboards and roosts. The dropboards are then swung upwards and hooked, so as to prevent the hens from roosting during the day. Next we feed and water the fowls. One of the boys then goes over the trap nests and keeps a record of the hens that lay. Then we tidy up and do odd jobs until eleven o'clock when we collect the eggs and give the hens scratch feed.

Robert H. Young II

Our Winter

Now that spring is here I look back and think about the winter. It was so cold that the bay was frozen over and the Instructors walked to the city. When we wanted groceries and other supplies we went over in a double sleigh to Squantum. Everywhere we looked people could be seen walking on the ice. We had a fine time sliding, skiing and enjoyed all kinds of winter sports.

Myron A. Pratt V

Cottage Row

One evening in line-up our Supervisor suggested that it was about time to get busy and get the cottages in condition. Soon the boys were busily at work. I purchased a share in the Corinthian and the other owners and myself got busy. We cleaned the cottage inside and out, and it did not take long for it to look very well. It will be a pleasant place this summer.

Hartley R. Kenvin V

Good Sport

Every afternoon after the dining room and kitchen boys finish their duties a ball game is played. Most always we play on the playground, but when it rains we play in the gym. Sometimes we see who can get the most runs, and sometimes we practice fielding and batting. The larger boys most always win.

Eugene Proctor VI

Farm Work

Among the larger jobs done on the farm recently were: The floor in the horse barn has been repaired and new flooring put in many places. The fence around the pasture has been removed and new posts used where necessary. A wire fence was then put up. As we are going to have two bulls we built a partition in the bull yard in order to keep them apart. The hotbeds have been started. We put in three feet of manure and covered this with eight inches of loam.

This is all interesting work, and we like it because there is no routine to it, but there is always a change to look forward to.

Leonard O. Pierce I

Indoor Baseball

When it is cold or rainy outside some of the boys go to the Gymnasium and play indoor baseball. We have two boys at bat and they run all three bases. It is great fun.

Richard F. Wiggins V

Honor Roll–Winter Term

First Class: William S. Wilson, 91.8; Arthur H. Pickard, 88.

Second Class: David B. White, 89.4; Walter A. Bishop, 89.25.

Third Class: Elvin C. Bean, 88.8; Raymond L. Beck, 87.8.

Fourth Class: William Meacham, Jr., 92; William C. Burns, 88.8.

Fifth Class: Richard Wiggins, 93.6; Edwin B. Crouch, 93.2.

Sixth Class: Thomas C. Kenvin, 95.2; Eugene Proctor, 91.7.

The following boys have received a mark of 90 or over in scholastic effort for the past term.

First Class: Carl E. Harden, Arthur H. Pickard, Leonard O. Pierce, William S. Wilson.

Second Class: Edward E. Andrew, Harold F. Bent, Walter A. Bishop, Roy M. Dole, Franklin M. Pierce, David B. White.

Third Class: John A. Bailey, Elvin C. Bean, Raymond L. Beck, David F. Hills, Francis D. McAuliffe, William C. Parsons, Ernest F. Peterson.

Fourth Class: Charles F. Averill, William C. Burns, Randolph St. Clair English, Charles M. Mason, William M. Meacham, Jr., Kenneth W. Wood.

Fifth Class: Edwin B. Crouch, Hartley R. Kenvin, George Krebs, Jr., Warren M. Linnell, Peter C. F. Mann, Myron A. Pratt, Francis S. Sheldon, Vernon W. Smith, Richard Wiggins.

Sixth Class: David W. Kenvin, Thomas C. Kenvin, Eugene Proctor.

Grafting Trees

One day last week I helped graft trees. It was a very interesting job. My instructor showed me how to put the scion into the stalk. He also told me the different kinds of tools. They are the saw, grafting iron, scraper, grafting shears and grafting wax.

The grafting iron is used to split the stalk so that the scion can be put in.

Different varieties of scion are put into the stalk. As soon as the scion is placed in, some grafting wax is put on the scion and the stalk. **Herbert Blanchard VI**

A Game of Baseball

Thursday, April 19, the Instructors and Boys had a game of baseball. It was very exciting. The boys were ahead but the instructors gained rapidly. There were three pitchers on each team. The game was a long one lasting about two and one-half hours. The instructors finally won.

David W. Kenvin VI

The Jester's Comments

Mystery

One day as we were walking,
We heard someone talking.
We looked and looked but could not see,
We could not tell who it could be.

My friend was scared and ran,
But I declared I'd stand,
My pal was brave and came again,
And then I knew he was my friend.

At last we looked behind a tree
And what do you think we did see?
There stood a boy whose name was Jim,
And we two boys were scared of him.

William D. DeLorie IV

A Good Gardener?

Last Saturday when we were cleaning the lawn of paper and sticks we came to the Main Building where there was a garden. Robert English, who was with us, in amazement said, "What good cucumbers." We were astonished for they were really tulips in the garden.

Thomas C. Kenvin VI

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A Tribute

Charles Evans '66 has just completed his twelfth volume of American Bibliography. Each volume is of letter-head size and nearly two inches thick. The work is "A chronological dictionary of all books, pamphlets and periodical publications printed in the United States from the genesis of printing in 1639 down to and including the year 1820."

The author dedicates this volume, "To

CALVIN COOLIDGE OF VERMONT
4 July, 1872—5 January, 1933
Forty-eighth Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Thirtieth President of the United States of America.

Whose life was an inspiration to the State. and to the Nation, for a return to the unassuming, faithful, considerate, sterling characteristics, which distinguished our Puritan ancestors, whose teachings form the enduring basis of our government; and, of whom it may be written, and should be recorded, that, under his wise direction of public affairs, he gave to our peoples—seven years of the greatest peace; the greatest prosperity; the greatest advancement in the arts and sciences our national life has ever known;—and, neither elated by success, nor depressed by failure, like Cincinnatus, voluntarily left the high office for which he had been chosen, and returned to his people, and became again as one of them, associated himself, as president, with that little band of patriotic scholars who, for over an hundred years, under the name of American Antiquarian Society, of Worcester, Massachusetts, have devoted themselves. without government assistance, to the collection and preservation of the monuments of American Literature—the sources of our national life—of whose unselfish labors the volumes of

this American Bibliography are, largely, the imperishable record, until he rested among the ever green hills of his native State."

Topics in Brief

The Band, under the capable leadership of Mr. Frank L. Warren, is preparing for both the Massachusetts Music Festival, and the New England School Band Contests, both of which will be held very soon. Our Band is composed of fifty members, and is capable of maintaining the excellence displayed by our former groups.

Our baseball field has been put in good condition during the month, and a series of games between the Boys and Instructors will be held very soon. Following this series the regular schedule of club contests for the Crosby silver shield and individual trophies will begin.

Our usual spring work has progressed most satisfactorily. The lawns and other areas on the campus have been given a good share of attention, and everything is in readiness for the summer.

A painter and four boys have been busy doing work in the Main Building. Many of the halls have been refinished. The executive offices, and boys' reading room have been completely done over. The boys' beds have also been given considerable attention, each one being painted and minor repairs made where necessary.

Our shop crew has been busy rebuilding the float for the south side berth at our wharf. The wharf has been repaired, and much planking renewed.

Many of the boys have enjoyed excursions to town. These included trips to the circus, the ball games and theatres.

Cottage Row Government has been active during the past month getting started for the summer season. The cottages have been opened and the protective covering removed.

The area comprising the boys' gardens has been receiving its share of attention. Each boy selects a garden, places a stone border around it, then cultivates and plants it. Later prizes are awarded by Mrs. S. V. R. Crosby to those who achieved outstanding results. These gardens are of unusual interest, and never fail to attract the most favorable attention from visitors.

A cargo of coal of approximately six hundred tons was delivered here during the month.

Among the visitors to the School during the month were Vice-President Edward Wigglesworth and Manager John L. Batchelder, who were here on April 2.

An electrician has been here overhauling our wiring system and making the necessary repairs and alterations. A cable has been laid to the farmhouse at the southern part of the Island, and electric lights and power installed there.

Much has been done in improving the area to the south of our stock barn. New fences have been erected and the ground leveled and seeded.

Combination locks will be placed on the boys' lockers, thus replacing the old style. A sample lock was tried and proved satisfactory, and twenty have been recently put in use.

The hydrant covers, and other winter protective devices have been removed and placed in the storage barn.

Calendar 50 Years Ago, April 1884

As Kept by the Superintendent

1. Pleasant. Not very windy, rather cool. Went to city via Point. Met Com. Carried in monthly report. Arranged with Mr. Dexter for White, McCullen and Cleaveland. Mr. Lombard came to work on farm. One hundred boys in School.

3. This morn the ground covered with 4 inches of very soft snow, thawing a little. No crossing.

12. The first really fine day since the month came in. Painters on boat and house. Grained the steamers house. Mr. Eliot came from Brockton to see our School. Mr. Geo. G. Creamer from Hamilton came to see our stock. Much boating to-day. Sent Marden to the city for a part of the steamer's condenser.

16. Wrought on steamer until 11:30 then went to city and ordered 15 bbls. of flour, to the Yacht Club Wharf, City Point, which Mr. Whitney's man helped us home with, towing over three boats with his little steam yacht "Jeff" for which I am very grateful.

17. A fine day. Wrought on steamer fitting pipes, packing, etc. in P. M. The boys went quickly and did well. Augustus Brown and Walter Mahan, graduates, came to see us. Both nice young men. Planted our first peas today.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, April 1844

As Kept by the Superintendent

5. Francis and Theodore I. Brown returned to their mother in the city.

6. Received a visit from Mr. Bates of Hingham.

13. Jabez Jackson Lewis admitted.

14. Received a visit from J. I. Bowditch and Geo. Bemis, Esqrs. A sermon was read to the School by the Superintendent in the forenoon and the boys addressed by Mr. Bemis in the afternoon. Admitted Robert Gordon of Roxbury.

20. Wm. H. Lunt went to live with Daniel Gould, a farmer of Boxford. (South Parish).

29. Received a visit from Gen. Lyman and one from Mr. J. Bird.

30. Went to the city with the first asparagus sent this season. Bernard W. Crosby, Thomas Voux and Virgil Voux admitted Friday, April 26.

March Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 73° on the twenty-fourth.

Minimum Temperature 32° on the fifth.

Mean Temperature for the month 40°.

Eighteen clear days, ten partly cloudy, and three cloudy.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, April 30, 1934

RESOURCES

Savings Bank	$510.34
Securities	500.00
Cash	14.72
	$1025.06

LIABILITIES

Boys' Deposits	$223.79
Trading Co. Deposits	417.89
Cottage Row Deposits	46.52
Photo Company Deposits	67.98
Surplus	268.88
	$1025.06

Letter Writing Day

Once each month from November until May we write letters. On this day the boys write to whomever they choose. Usually letters are written about the tenth of the month. Letters may be written on any day, but the boys most always wait until letter-writing day.

Richard F. Wiggins V

About Chickens

I have always been interested in poultry. One morning after I had been dismissed I visited the brooder house to see the baby chicks. They were in boxes, made in four sections, each section holding twenty-five chicks.

About 650 eggs are put in the electric incubator, of which about 500 hatch. The eggs are tested on the eighteenth day, and some discarded. The others are placed in the hatching trays for three days, when the chickens hatch from the egg. At this time they are removed and put in the boxes where they remain for one day, during which the chicks have nothing to eat. The chicks are then put in the pens, where they are kept under the brooder cover most of the time. Gradually, day by day, this space is increased until they have the whole pen. After three weeks they are allowed to go on the runways.

The chicks are first fed baby chick starter which is placed on newspapers. Later this feed is placed in feeders. The amount of grain is increased a little day by day. The baby chick starter is given for six weeks and then changed to growing mash. When they start laying they are given laying mash.

The school specializes on one breed, the Rhode Island Red.

Harvey H. Davis II

The Beach Walk

Every Sunday our minister usually invites us to go for a walk around the beach with him. Last Sunday another instructor came with us and took pictures of the boys and the land. We watched a group of clam diggers, and they told us how clams were dug and used. We were glad to know this, as some of us had asked one another the question before we met the men.

Theodore R. Millet V

Spring Painting

The annual spring painting got under way a few weeks ago, when the painting instructor came. When we began Harold B. DeLorie helped in the morning and I in the afternoon Shortly afterwards Charles F. Curtin and Henry M. Stanley were added so that we had four boys in the crew. After we repaired windows and set glass where needed we washed the office walls, ceiling and floor and painted them. After this we did the boys' reading room. We are now painting the boys' beds.

Walter G. Fitzgerald I

Cleaning Cows

Every Saturday morning I go to the farm, and help with many kinds of jobs. Last Saturday I helped clean cows. I first took a metal curry-comb and combed the loose hair and dirt from the cows. Then I brushed them well, and smoothed their hair. I think it is good fun.

Warren M. Linnell V

Examinations

It is required that each boy be given examinations at the end of each school term. The upper two classes have four subjects and have an examination in each, while the four lower classes have five or six subjects and have an examination in each. Those who do not achieve a satisfactory mark are not permitted to play in any organized athletics.

Arthur C. Rouse I

Dormitory Work

I had my work changed from the dining room to the dormitory, and like the change very much. First I make my beds and sweep the floors. After this I have other things to do such as sweeping the halls and polishing the woodwork. I work in the West Dormitory.

Edwin B. Crouch V

The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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FREDERICK F. BURCHSTEAD '02 has recently left the hospital, after being seriously ill for several months. The hospital authorities have not permitted him to return to work as yet, but he expects to take up his regular occupation very soon. His address is 16 Story Avenue, Beverly, Mass.

EDWARD V. OSBERG '22, who lives at 36 Austin Street, Cambridge, has been employed by the Simplex Wire and Cable Co. for about four years He is a chemist, and is making good use of the training he received in preparatory school and college.

ARCHIBALD V. N. BEEMAN '24 is in business for himself, dealing in electrical motors, generators and other supplies. He has made his home in Philadelphia for some time now. Mail addressed to 148 N. Tenth Street, that city, will reach him.

WILLARD G. SCHROEDER '24, is stationed at the Benecia Arsenal, which is thirty miles from Presidio, California. He has an N. C. O. rating with the Signal Corps, and is spending his seventh year on the West Coast. His first five years there he was with the Signal Corps, and the last two has been spent with the Air Corps. MR. SCHROEDER injured his hand and was sent to the Letterman's General Hospital, where he met PHILIP H. YOUNG '24. A talk of several hours duration followed, the main topic being school-day events on Thompson's Island.

KENNETH A. PRIEST '25 is general utility man for a small chain of restaurants, and at the present time has eight men in his charge. He is married, has an eight months old son, and lives at 29 Goodwin Street, Fitchburg, Mass.

CHESTER P. LINDGREN '28 has been employed by Huyler's stores for several years. He is always interested in the School, and visits whenever possible.

RICHARD L. BOLINGBROKE '32 has entered the employ of a Boston concern on Tremont Street. His home address is 677 Dudley Street, Roxbury, Mass.

EVERETT K. BOWLBY '33 is with the C. C. C. and writes most interesting letters regarding his duties and pleasures. His company has been building roads, and doing other construction work His address is Co. 125, C. C. C., Becket, Mass.

PAUL L. HAMILTON '33 has written an interesting account of his experiences at Somerville H. S. He has been out for athletics and has made some of the teams. He is one of the managers of the baseball team, and reports games, and other news, to the newspapers. His address is 121 Hudson Street, Somerville, Mass.

FREDERICK S. VERY '33 plays with the Symphonic Band recruited from the ranks of the Boston High Schools. He attend the Mechanics Arts High School.

CLYDE W. ALBEE '33 attends the Franklin Union Technical Institute taking the course in Industrial Electricity He lives at 64 Clifton Avenue, Cliftondale, Mass.

The Alumni Editor would appreciate news about any graduate.

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The Massachusetts Music Festival

On May 12th our band went to Melrose where the State Music Festival was held. We left the Island at nine o'clock and reached City Point in about fifteen minutes. We then boarded busses and arrived in Melrose an hour later.

Our concert took place at about eleven o'clock in the Senior High School. We played three numbers, a march "Colonel Bogey," and two overtures, "Princess of India" and "Fountain of Youth". Critics heard us play and filled a rating sheet out with remarks concerning the band. We received honor rating of "Good".

Following the concert we went to our room and had lunch. The lunch was prepared at the School and we enjoyed sandwiches, cakes, bananas and tonic.

After lunch we went with our friends and walked about the grounds of the new high school and other places.

At two o'clock we left in busses for Pine Banks where the parade was to form. The bands were lined up in sections and the parade began when everyone was ready. We marched from this place to the main street of Melrose and up to the High School Athletic Field. Here each band passed the grandstand and was given a hearty reception by the townspeople.

When all the bands were assembled the players gathered on the opposite side of the field from the spectators and prepared for a huge massed concert. The leader was Fortunato Sordillo, director of the Boston High School Symphonic Band. A group of several pieces was played.

Following the massed band concert our band and one other band gave an exhibition of marching. This took the form of different formations which were very interesting and the spectators enjoyed the drill very much.

After the prize drill the Festival was declared completed and we left the field to return to our busses and the Island. We had a fine day.

Roy M. Dole II

Our Gardens

It is once more time for the boys to begin work on their flower gardens, and care for them throughout the summer months.

They first put a stone border around their gardens, and then see that they have plenty of good soil. When it is time to plant, our supervisor gives out the kind of seeds we like best. At the end of the summer the boys with the best gardens get cash prizes.

Theodore R. Millet V

The Annual Track Meet

The Annual Memorial Day Track Meet is always eagerly looked forward to by all the boys. For many weeks the boys practice the different events in the hope of winning many points for their club.

As usual the first event was the cross country run. The course includes the beach road by the observatory, around south end and up by the root cellar returning to the starting point at the Main Building. Eight boys entered this event, and the time was slightly better than that of last year.

The next events were the running and standing broad and high jumps followed by the pole vault. These events took up the morning and after the pole vault we got ready for dinner.

At two o'clock we went to the beach where the various foot races took place. These included the 100 and 220 yard dashes, the mile run and the 120 yard hurdles. The closing event was the relay race which had four runners from each club.

The two athletic clubs provided teams for the events, and following the relay race the score was found to be 92 for Club A against 42 for Club B.

After the last race the boys made fires on the beach, and shortly after everyone assembled there for a beach supper. There was plenty for everyone and we enjoyed it very much.

The day ended with a baseball game, played between the boys' and instructors' ball teams. The instructors won by the score of 7-6, in a very interesting, well-pitched game.

The first three places in each event counted for the club score. Following is the name of the first, second and third winner, printed in that order, and the name of the club represented.

Cross Country
- Reginald A. Burlingame, Club B.
- Henry M. Stanley, Club B.
- John R. Macdonald, Club A.

Shot Put
- Arthur H. Pickard, Club A.
- John A. Bailey, Club B.
- Herbert A. Rokes, Club A.

Running Broad Jump
- Arthur H. Pickard, Club A.
- Elvin C. Bean, Club B.
- Edward E. Andrew, Club B.

Standing Broad Jump
- Arthur H. Pickard, Club A.
- Leonard O. Pierce, Club B.
- Herbert A. Rokes, Club A.

Running High Jump
- Arthur H. Pickard, Club A.
- John E. Magee, Club A.
- Herbert A. Rokes, Club A.

Standing High Jump
- Leonard O. Pierce, Club B.
- John E. Magee, Club A.
- Walter A. Bishop, Club B.

Pole Vault
- Arthur H. Pickard, Club A.
- Raymond M. Bean, Club B.
- Orlando M. Murphy, Club A.

100 Yard Dash
- Arthur H. Pickard, Club A.
- Edward F. West, Club A.
- Herbert A. Rokes, Club A.

220 Yard Dash
- Arthur H. Pickard, Club A.
- Edward F. West, Club A.
- Herbert A. Rokes, Club A.

Mile Run
- Arthur H. Pickard, Club A.
- John P. Davis, Club A.
- Walter G. Fitzgerald, Club A.

120 Yard Hurdles
- Arthur H. Pickard, Club A.
- Reginald A. Burlingame, Club B.
- John R. Macdonald, Club A.

Relay Race. Won by Club A. The team composed of:

Edward F. West
Arthur H. Pickard
Herbert A. Rokes
Harvey H. Davis

David B. White II

Cottage Row

Summer is coming now and the boys go to the cottages in their play time. We paint the cottages, fix the windows, and repair where needed. The lawns are put in condition. The name of the cottage I own in is the Bradley. We made a new piazza and a fancy walk. We will start painting in a few days.

Myron A. Pratt V

The Jester's Comments

—As Graduation draws near we imagine that if an election were to take place the following boys would qualify easily for the position stated. It is with much pleasure that we print the list of those selected for these most honorable places.

The most bashful boy is easily Clay Cheever. Sometimes he has to be urged to have a fourth helping at the table. John Magee was not second.

Willie Fish won the honor of being the peppiest. However, there are times when this rollicking, bouncing lad may get into trouble if he doesn't learn more sedate ways.

The class author, Walter Fitzgerald, was appointed because of his cleverness at composing the cutest little notes. 'Nuf said.

The most timid is Dan Howley. At night Dan walks out of his way to avoid going through the horse barn, thus not disturbing the restful slumber of the equines.

Tom Killeen is the class "Spirit of Youth." Tom has little difficulty giving remedies for world troubles and various ways to wake up the older generation. Ah, Spirit of Youth!

The most outspoken boy is, of course, Johnny Magee. Its not what he says nor how he says it, but the quantity. John has a monopoly on speech production.

The quietest is Lloyd Morrison. Morry says little, but thinks much, which is very bad,–at least according to Shakespeare who said "such men are dangerous."

The biggest eater is without doubt Archie Pickard. His cavernous capacity is the envy of all. Still Archie is always doing so much he needs plenty of extra helpings to keep him going.

Who is it that roams where he will, regardless of time or place? This question is easily answered. Mike Pierce takes the prize.

The strongest boy in the class was the only close ballot. We feel that Herbie Rokes earned this distinction.

The noisest is Arthur Rouse. When this lad gets both feet and arms moving and that peculiarly insatiable quality of voice in splendid volume he is noise personified.

The class engineer, or the one who puts out the lights, in Senior Dormitory, at the appointed hour is Henry Stanley. This office was not self-inflicted.

The Orator of 1934 is Eddie West, who can make a speech anywhere, anytime. He can do a good job, too. When words fail get Orator West.

Billie Wilson, that genial "How-do-you-do" chap is the only boy who got votes for the class politician. What Bill can't do to Cottage Row laws and regulations has not yet been discovered.

As a whole the Class of 1934 will be long remembered by its amazing skill in squeezing out of difficult places without being easily apprehended, and the versatility of its members, especially the vocal quartet.

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Each year we select about twenty boys for admission. The candidate must be between the ages of 10 and 14 years, advanced as far as the sixth grade in school and normal physically, mentally and morally.

Our work has the very definite objective of further and more complete development of every phase of the boy's entire life. We help him build a body that will carry him through life in a satisfactory manner. Mentally we give him the usual academic education and add many extra branches that will strengthen the mind and make it more useful in his present and future life. The moral side of his life we stress and continue to develop in the proper manner, knowing well that staunch character is the very foundation of a complete and happy life. We teach the boy how to get an honest living, but even more important, we teach the boy how to live.

The graduating class of 1934 is this year's finished product and we are rightfully proud of this product. These young men are worthy and well qualified. They have the physical development unsurpassed by any similar group. They have acquired knowledge from their varied program here that will give them a real start in this world of opportunity. Morally they have acquired a sense of right, responsibility and reverence as will be a blessing to them and a joy to those who have made their success possible.

Six of these fifteen graduates have completed the entire six years course at the School. The average of the class is nearly five years. Physically they have made an average yearly gain of two inches in height and eleven pounds in weight.

We need some modern additions and replacements to the School's physical plant. We patiently await the time when,

through some available financial source, we will be able to have the needed additions. In the meantime we carry right on with what we have and we challenge the world to show us a finer product, a cleaner, more completely developed group of young men than our own graduates—the proud product of The Farm and Trades School.

Topics in Brief

Our Band entered the State Music Festival at Melrose on May 12. In the morning we played at the High School and were given very fine commendation by the group of critics. In the afternoon the boys participated in the street parade which took place on Main Street and included the entire business district. The parade ended at the athletic field where each band passed in review, and then assembled in a grandstand for massed band music. After this concert our band did a special marching drill which evoked considerable praise. The entire affair proved pleasant and most worth-while.

Our Memorial Service was conducted at the little cemetery at the southern end of the Island and was in charge of Mayor John A. Bailey of Cottage Row Government. The day, Sunday May 27, was ideal and the exercises most appropriate. Included on the program were hymns, readings, special music by the brass quartet, rolling of drums and taps and the impressive decorating of the graves.

Our track meet, which was held on Memorial day, proved to be outstanding. The events, with few exceptions, included everything held at a scholastic track meet and the competition was provided by teams from our two athletic clubs. Club A won the meet. Following the conclusion of the events a picnic supper took place on the beach, after which the boys and instructors concluded the program with a fine baseball game, the instructors winning 7–6.

The First Friends' Day of the season took place on May 31. A large number of relatives and friends of the boys enjoyed the occasion. The event, usually held earlier in the month, had been postponed because of the fact that the Nantasket Beach Steamboat Company began its schedule much later.

Rev. Elmer Bentley, who graduates from Gordon College this month, has been our minister during this past year and leaves us to take up his duties in a larger field. Mr. Bentley has had a particularly successful year with us and we regret his leaving:- withal we wish him, and know that he will have, outstanding success in his new field.

The Island is particularly beautiful at this time of year, and the buildings, lawns and other areas have been given much attention. There are few private schools, and not many universities, which can boast of as fine a campus as we have, and we are always endeavoring to make the Island as attractive as possible.

A group from the Boston Rotary Club held a party at the Island during the month. Musical games, dances, songs and specialty numbers provided a full evening of mirth. Our Band played a concert for the party.

Cottage Row Government held its regular election during the month. A complete staff of officers was elected or appointed, including the Judges of both the Lower and Superior Courts.

We have been privileged to view two of the outstanding boats now afloat. Recently that vessel of great historical fame, the Constitution passed by the northern end of the Island. Classes were suspended as the craft came up the harbor, so that everyone might see the boat and witness the reception it received. The Constitution had just returned from a tour of principal American cities, and is now in the Navy Yard, from which, it is believed, she will never leave. On May 25, that giant liner, the Leviathan, moved slowly by the Island to the drydock at South Boston. This was a most impressive sight, and one which will never be forgotten.

The boys have been busy working on their hobbies, especially their flower gardens and Cottage Row. Baseball and tennis have shared the recreational periods and the swimming season begun. It has been a very busy month, and a happy one.

Our wharf has been painted, and also the boathouse and vessel shelters. Much repairing has been completed about our boats and equipment, including re-planking the wharf where necessary and rebuilding and putting in place, the south-side float.

The settees used about the lawns and grounds have been scraped, varnished and repaired and placed out-of-doors for the summer.

The boiler in our Power House was shut down in order that a new blow-off valve might be installed. The boiler was also cleaned at this time. Previously the fire box had been relined. Our small auxiliary boiler was used while the main boiler was inactive.

The farm work is progressing most satisfactorily, in spite of our unusually cold winter. The crops are all in, and special attention has been given the orchard. The equipment has been kept in excellent condition and we look for another splendid year for our farm.

A set of new curtains have been put in our Dining Room, and add much to the attractiveness of the room.

Work continues on our electric light system. The wiring is being inspected, repaired and altered in every necessary place. New fixtures have been installed in some of the rooms, while many switches, which were old, have been replaced by new ones.

Calendar 50 Years Ago, May 1884

As Kept by the Superintendent

6. Mr. Poole (mason) and two men and one painter here. Repaired boilers and plastering, whitewashed the playroom. Painted new boat house. Weather dull, cheerless, wind east.

8. The storm continues very severe. A poor day for boys' friends to visit them but quite a number did come on the steamer Gen'l Lincoln. Mr. Arthur Dexter was the only Manager present.

20. Messr. Gardner and Alfred Bowditch visited us and had a very wet time of it. It rained very hard.

26. Mr. S. DeBlois came unexpectedly on the "Protector" and remained until 3 P. M. 1 carpenter and 2 painters here.

27. To town with boat for supplies. Wm. R. Glawson and Carl Dinsmore admitted, and Wm. McAllister discharged to Mr. Curtis of Curtis, Mitchell, Federal Street, to go on his farm in Dedham.

30. Arose at 3 A. M. Went to Ward's Island and got his lighter, took it to our wharf. Took on 4 Jersey cattle and took them to the city and to the Eastern R. R. Freight Depot for Geo. G.

Creamer who takes them to Hamilton, Mass. Had good luck. Eleven graduates visited us. Miss Belding's friend, Miss Angeline, also came.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, May 1844

As Kept by the Superintendent

3. Messrs. Grant, Kuhn, Bowditch and Waterston of the Board of Managers and about a hundred others visited the island in the steamer "Gen Lincoln." Admitted Martin Fish of Lowell, born in Vermont Nov. 6, 1835; Wm. H. Frain of Boston, born in New York Aug. 1, 1831; Caselli A. Palmieri of Boston, born in New York Sept. 14, 1834 and John McDonald of Cambridgeport.

6. Commenced loading Captain Tewksbury's schooner with Potatoes—670 bushels. Pay rec'd by Managers.

7. Thomas Freeborn left and returned to his friends in the city. Admitted Daniel C. Hall of Boston born Jan. 23, 1835.

30. This being the day for the Temperence celebration in Boston the boys were allowed to amuse themselves the most of the day. Received a visit from Mr. Samuel Spinney of Portsmouth.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, May 31, 1934

RESOURCES

Savings Bank	$510.34
Securities	500.00
Cash	39.71
	$1050.05

LIABILITIES

Boys' Deposits	$229.48
Trading Co. Deposits	424.87
Cottage Row Deposits	46.52
Photo Company Deposits	80.30
Surplus	268.88
	$1050.05

May Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 88° on the twenty-second.

Minimum Temperature 40° on the first.

Mean Temperature for the month 61°.

Eleven clear days, fourteen partly cloudy, and six cloudy.

The Coal Barge

A large barge filled with a cargo of coal anchored at the wharf just a week or two ago. It brought 600 tons of coal, two trucks and a large coal chute. There is a derrick on the barge.

The trucks have been drawing the coal to the Power House, Wood Cellar, and the Coal Pile.

It took three days to unload the barge.

Leonard I. Scott VI

Driving the Pigs to Pasture

One morning a short time ago, four other farm boys and myself had the job of driving the pigs from their pens to the pasture.

The younger ones went along all right, but the older ones wanted to run everywhere. We had to chase them all over the potato piece which is quite a run. Finally we got four of them started again and left three behind. Later we came back after the others, but could not get them together.

Our farm Instructor came with the truck and we lifted them into the truck. Then we drove them over to the pasture and put them with the others. Although we were tired afterwards we enjoyed it very much.

George G. Cline V

Work is ninety per-cent of any real success. Without it the best teachers and schools avail us nothing.

The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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HORACE F. EDMANDS '95 has been for some years Assessor of Incomes for Racine, Kenosha and Walworth Counties of the State of Wisconsin. In a recent letter this graduate expressed a desire to bring Mrs. Edmands and his two children to visit the Island, and view once more the scenes of his boyhood days.

Your Secretary, MERTON P. ELLIS, '97, attended the First Friends' Day exercises on May 31, and then arranged the final plans for the Alumni Field Day, a notice of which will be mailed all Alumni very soon.

GEORGE BUCHAN, '97, former President of the Alumni Association is at Waldoboro, Maine where he has been operating a small farm for some time.

C. ROBERT EMERY '13, who for many years directed the excellent "Big Brother" program is now engaged in radio work in New York City.

HOWARD F LOCHRIE '16 is employed by the Birdseye Frosted Foods at this company's district office, at No. 3 Commercial Street, Boston.

CLARENCE H. COLBURN '21 is working at agriculture at Alton, New Hampshire. He has been here since completing the course in agriculture at the University of New Hampshire. He has been married for some time.

KENNETH L. DROWN, '22 has left Boston and gone to Canada.

BURTON DORMAN '27 is working at the South Boston plant of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company. This graduate has worked there for six years.

HOWARD E. KEITH '22 is doing a fine piece of work with the Wolfeboro N. H. Boy Scout troop. He is a scoutmaster, and is also active in other boys' club movements. After serving an enlistment in the U. S. Marines this graduate returned to Wolfeboro, where he had graduated from Brewster Academy in 1926, entered the employ of a garage there and later married. He has one child, Howard Jr.

REGINALD D. RANDALL, '32 is working as a caretaker of a Church, and lives at 10 Custer Street, Boston.

JOHN A. FITZGERALD '33 is now employed at a greenhouse at Rockland, Mass. His address is Box 102, R. F. D., that town. He was a recent visitor.

DONALD S. GLENN '33 has completed the year's work at Jamaica Plain High School, where he is taking the course in agriculture. He lives at 118 Winthrop Street, Roxbury, Mass.

FREDERICK H. WHITE '33 has just completed the Junior year at the Woburn High School. He lives at 50 Montvale Road, Woburn, Mass.

The following graduates were here on the First Friends' Day:-

Richard L. Bolingbroke '32
Donald S. Glenn '33
Clyde W. Albee '33
Cecil A. Morse '28
John A. Fitzgerald '33
Paul L. Hamilton '33

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A Trip to Maine

One afternoon Mr. Meacham asked me if I would like to go to Maine and help Mr. Adams sail the Pilgrim III to the Island. Of course I wanted to and got ready to leave the Island early Friday morning June 22. The day before everything necessary for the trip was packed.

On Friday morning Mr. Meacham and I went to the North Station where we met Mr. Adams. Soon afterwards our train left and we were bound for Wiscasset, Maine. We arrived at our destination late that afternoon, and we both went to the boat.

Mr. Adams left me after a while, and one of the graduates who was employed on a yacht which came in that day, noticed the name on the new boat and introduced himself. He had worked on the Pilgrim II when at the School. I talked with him for sometime, and then went to sleep, — my first night on the water.

Very early the next morning we left Wiscasset, bound for Boston. Mr. Adams was the Pilot and an engineer was aboard to care for the engine. Late in the afternoon we arrived in Manchester, where we tied up. I slept aboard the boat that night.

In the morning we resumed our trip to Boston, and arrived at the Island shortly after three o'clock. The boys were waiting on the Wharf and gave us a warm welcome. The boat was tied up at the Wharf and Mr. Adams and the engineer left in our steamer for City Point.

The new boat is just a little shorter than the Pilgrim II, and is built with a wider beam. Her power comes from a semi-diesel oil-burning engine, operated from the wheelhouse. She is painted white with buff decks.

We had pleasant weather all the way down, and it was a trip which I shall always remember as a very enjoyable experience.

Harold B. DeLorie I

The New England Music Festival

On Saturday June 2 our Band left the Island shortly after breakfast and went to City Point where we boarded two busses and were soon on our way to Hampton Beach, N. H., where the New England Music Festival was to take place. We had a very pleasant ride over the Newburyport Turnpike, and to Hampton, where we turned to the beach. We proceeded directly to the Casino, where we were to play. Our concert opened with the march by Bagley, "National Emblem". We then played the required composition, the Humoresque of Tschaikowski, and followed with the elective piece which was Karl L. King's famous "Fountain of Youth" Overture.

Following our concert we had some time during which we walked along the beach and visited with some of the other bands. Most of us had friends at the Festival.

At lunch time we went to our busses, where sandwiches, tonic, cake and other food was distributed.

In the afternoon, about 2:30 the parade began. The parade was not very long, and being well organized, moved along strictly according to schedule. After the parade the bands all assembled on the boulevard where our band, and two other organizations, gave an exhibition of fancy drilling and marching. Unfortunately the day had suddenly grown very cold, and both the drill and the concert by the bands massed, suffered their effect.

At the close of the festivities the score cards for the day were distributed to the various bands, and we found we had been awarded an Honor Rating, which pleased us very much.

Franklin M. Pierce I

The Farewell Party

On Tuesday evening, June 12, the Class of 1935 gave a farewell party to the Class of 1934. The hall had been nicely decorated for the occasion, and the many parts of the program had been practiced and rehearsed so that everything went off smoothly.

The program opened by a mock graduation. Each member of the 1935 Class took the part of each member in the Graduating Class, and the entire Graduation Program was put on in pantomime. This was very funny, as every chance to inject humor was utilized.

We were next entertained by piano duets, played beautifully by two of the Instructors.

A set of four dances was next enjoyed, the music being furnished by a small orchestra consisting of boys and instructors.

Following the dancing, motion pictures of the school were shown which proved very interesting. These included all kinds of scenes and activities, and covered important happenings at the school.

More dancing followed the pictures, after which refreshments were served.

The refreshments consisted of ice cream, cookies and punch.

The last set of dances followed, after which the Class President, Walter A. Bishop, gave a farewell speech to the graduating class.

Harold F. Bent I

The Jester's Comments

—Heard in the Schoolroom:-

Teacher:- "What does circumference mean?"

Very:- "The diameter around an object."

—In order to impress the populace with their importance, "Testie" Killeen and "Deacon" Harris, together with three or four others, sent postcards to themselves when the Band was at Hampton Beach. The highly-complimentary messages on the cards didn't fool the rest of the boys one whit.

—Charlie Curtin, from the top of a large tree doing pruning work shouted to Larry Dole "Is there such a thing as a left-handed saw?" Larry said "Sure". He may be still hunting for it.

Graduation

The Class of 1934 Graduation Exercises took place on June 15, before the usual gathering of relatives and friends of the boys. Several Managers were present, and officers of the Alumni Association.

The Speaker was the Rt. Rev. Henry K. Sherrill, Bishop of Massachusetts.

He was introduced by President Arthur Adams. In a short, but convincing address, Bishop Sherrill pointed out the pursuit of real happiness in life. He advised the members of the graduating class to discover the work they were best fitted for, to prepare for that work as fully as possible, and then do it better than anyone else. The type of work is of little consequence. If it is done with real love happiness will surely follow, said the speaker.

Rev. Louis W. West, of the South Baptist Church, whom we had the pleasure of hearing at our regular Sunday Services last winter, gave the Invocation. The Diplomas were presented by Pres. Adams. Many prizes and special awards were commented upon by Mr. Meacham, and those that earned the awards were afterwards presented them. The program follows:-

PROGRAM

CLASS PROCESSIONAL—Second to None
Harold B. DeLorie, Marshal *L. S. Kenfield '82*

OVERTURE—Fountain of Youth *K. L. King*

INVOCATION
Rev. Louis W. West

SALUTATORY Advertising
William S. Wilson

CLASS PROPHECY
Thomas E. Killeen

CORNET SOLO—Air with Variations
Arthur H. Pickard

CLASS WILL
William W. Fish

CLASS POEM
John E. Magee

PRESENTATION OF SCHOOL BANNER
Edward F. West '34
Walter A. Bishop '35

VALEDICTORY About Newspapers
Arthur H. Pickard

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER
President Arthur Adams

ADDRESS Rt. Rev. Henry K. Sherrill
Bishop of Massachusetts

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS
President Arthur Adams

AWARDING OF PRIZES
Superintendent William M. Meacham

SCHOOL SONG School
MARCH—National Emblem *E. E. Bagley*

GRADUATING CLASS

Clayton Ellsworth Cheever
William Warren Fish
Walter Gordon Fitzgerald
Carl Edward Harden
Harold William Howley
Thomas Eldridge Killeen
John Edward Magee
Lloyd Rupert Morrison
Arthur Hubbard Pickard
Leonard Orison Pierce
Herbert Austin Rokes
Arthur Clement Rouse
Henry Morton Stanley, Jr.
Edward Frederick West
William Smith Wilson

COURSES COMPLETED

SLOYD

Clayton Ellsworth Cheever
William Warren Fish
Walter Gordon Fitzgerald
Edward Frederick West
William Smith Wilson
Francis Andrew Curtin
John Raymond Macdonald
Franklin Milton Pierce
John Alden Bailey
Elvin Clarence Bean
David Ray Harris
William Chester Parsons

FORGING

Clayton Ellsworth Cheever
William Warren Fish
Carl Edward Harden
Lloyd Rupert Morrison
Arthur Hubbard Pickard
Herbert Austin Rokes
Edward Frederick West

AGRICULTURE

Harold William Howley
Thomas Eldridge Killeen
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The Alumni response to the recent appeal for contributions for the Band was most indicative of the loyalty and enthusiasm of F. T. S. graduates for their alma mater.

This year there were no available funds to send the Band to the State and New England Music Festivals at Melrose and Hampton Beach. Our School having had the first boys' band in America and there being some fifty of our boys in the organization it seemed especially proper to have our Band go.

The Secretary of the Alumni Association sent an appeal to the graduates for small contributions. The response was quick, complete. adequate and most gratifying. Ninety-eight graduates responded. $207.95 was contributed. Ten states were represented, including California, Florida, Illinois, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Washington, D. C., and Wisconsin.

Inasmuch as there are only 12 to 15 boys in each graduating class and that none of these boys are financially wealthy when they graduate, this comparatively large percentage of response and the amount contributed is an excellent showing.

These contributions have brought great joy to those boys who have been devoting endless time to acquiring perfection on band instruments and every boy appreciates the kindness of the Alumni. The School thanks each contributor.

The Band is a live, active organization, one of the important parts of the School, valuable to each boy and very much worthwhile to the School as a whole. Thanks to each alumnus contributor!

Topics in Brief

Graduation Day was June 15 at which time diplomas were presented to the Graduating Class of fifteen members. The Address was delivered by Rt. Rev. Henry K. Sherrill, Bishop of Massachusetts, and the Invocation by Rev. Louis W. West, Pastor of the South Baptist Church, South Boston. President Arthur Adams, besides awarding the academic diplomas, also presented diplomas to twelve boys who completed the Sloyd Course, and to seven who completed the Forging Course, and to four who finished the Agriculture Course. Many prizes and special awards were made by Superintendent William M. Meacham.

As guests of President Arthur Adams, the Class of 1934 enjoyed an excursion to Provincetown on June 14. For years President Adams has invited the graduating class on a similar trip, and it is an event which is eagerly anticipated.

The school enjoyed a sail down the harbor on the yacht "Constellation" as the guests of Commodore Herbert M. Sears, on June 13. This is an annual occurrence, and an outstanding feature of Graduation week. Commodore Sears is a brother of our Manager Mr. Philip Sears.

During the summer vacation each of the boys enjoyed a vacation at home, of from one to three weeks. The length of the vacation is determined entirely by the effort and conduct of each pupil throughout the school year.

The Farewell Party to the Class of 1934 was held on June 12. The Class of 1935 tendered the party and gave the graduating class a most happy time. Featured on the program was a mock graduation, and musical numbers.

The Baccalaureate Sermon was given by Rev. F. B. Richards of the Phillips Congregational Church in South Boston, on June 10.

The Band enjoyed two trips during the month. The first to Hampton Beach, N. H., where the boys took part in the New England Music Festival. The Band was judged by nationally famous musicians and earned an Honor Rating, a fact of which we are very proud. This occurred on June 2. One week later, on June 9, we entered the Harvard Stadium Music Festival, and the boys had the honor of being directed by Edwin Franko Goldman. There is nothing the boys engage in so wholesome and satisfying as these music festivals, and this year we have attended three, the expenses being paid by our Alumni.

The June meeting of the Board of Managers was held at the Island on June fifth, with the following in attendance:

President Arthur Adams
Vice-President Edward Wigglesworth
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Philip H. Theopold

A very pleasant part of our Graduation Week program is the Class Supper. At this event the Graduating Class members are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Meacham. Although not as long established an event as our other Graduation activities, it nevertheless has grown to be a traditional part of the commencement program, and happily anticipated by the boys.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, June 30, 1934

RESOURCES

Savings Bank	$929.67
Cash	55.40
	$985.07

LIABILITIES

Boys' Deposits	$203.54
Trading Co. Deposits	377.94
Cottage Row Deposits	42.02
Photo Company Deposits	69.97
Surplus	291.60
	$985.07

June Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 94° on the twenty-ninth.

Minimum Temperature 50° on the ninth.

Mean Temperature for the month 65°.

Ten clear days, thirteen partly cloudy, and seven cloudy.

Calendar 50 Years Ago, June 1884

As Kept by the Superintendent

4. Warm. Carried a load of hay to A. T. Stearns, Neponset. Oiled floor in boys' dining room, varnished, etc.

7. The 2nd visiting day of the season. The boat "Gen'l Lincoln" came with a goodly number of boys' friends and others. Managers Alfred Bowditch, S. G. DeBlois, Eliot, Grew, and Storer and guest Mr. A. A. Lawrence came and lunched. The Band marched down the wharf with the friends.

9. A warm day. Carried load of hay to Neponset to A. T. Stearns. The boy Welch fell from the swing and hurt himself. James Graham, a graduate, married this eve. at 8 o'clock.

14. A lovely day. Wind East but not disagreeable. The boys, or young men, from the Blind Asylum with several of their teachers came this P. M. and had a fine time. They passed a half hour in tumbling in the new mown hay. The entertainment closed with a band concert in the School room. The whole was under the care and direction of Mr. S. G. DeBlois. Mr. Felton kindly assisted us over and back with his steam yacht.

15. Mr. Wm. Morrison and daughter here.

17. James Graham, Thorton Lewis, Chas. and Wm. Grimes, Henry Fox, and Geo. Watts visited us today.

22. Rev. Mr. Spaulding of the Baptist Church at the corner of L and 4th Sts., South Boston.

26. Went this eve. with Sweetzer, Seiber, King and Colson to see "Barnum."

Calendar 90 Years Ago, June 1844

As Kept by the Superintendent

4. The steamer "Gen. Lincoln" made a second visit to the Island this season. The visitors consisted of Messrs. Grant, Bayley, and Bird of the Board of Managers and about a hundred others, among whom was Mr. John Hawkins of Baltimore, the celebrated Temperance Reformer who addressed the boys. Admitted John Woodbury, Wm. Sargent and Wm. F. Kennison.

11. The masons commenced whitewashing the house.

14. Received a visit from Moses Grant, Esq. and Mr. Glover of Roxbury. Admitted Daniel Divine of Boston.

16. Religious services by Mr. S. E. Brackett.

18. Gen. Theodore Lyman visited the institution. John Wells, carpenter, commenced work, also two painters.

23. Religious services conducted by Mr. Tolman of Boston.

28. Henry Morris and Wm. Nesbit of Cornwallis, Nova Scotia, commenced mowing.

30. Moses Grant, Esq., addressed the boys. Admitted Dennis Mahoney of Boston.

Beach Suppers

Memorial Day is observed by a field day at Thompson's Island. There are all kinds of races and games played, which take all day.

In the evening the best of all the events comes. This is the beach supper. Every five or six boys group together and dig a hole in the sand and make a fire. When everyone is ready to cook his supper we line up by a long table and are given food. We receive frankfurts, bacon, rolls and a bottle of soda. Then we roast the frankfurts and bacon and make sandwiches. If we want more we go to the table and get some. After awhile we line up again and ice cream and cookies are passed out to each of us.

After everyone has finished we cover the fires with sand, play games on the beach until it is time to return to the Main Building.

David Kenvin V

Contributors to the Alumni Band Fund. (Article on Page 8)

Past and Present Faculty

Boyce, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund L.
Bragg Wilhelmina
Elliott, Corey M.
Scott, Priscilla
Varney, Mrs. May B.
Walston, Mrs. Edith M.
Williams, Mrs. Grace F.

Graduates

Albee, Clifton E. '23
Albee, Clyde W. '33
Alcott, William '84
Andrews, Leon G. '23
Austin, Frederick '26
Avery, J. Edward '77
Barnard, Robert A. '83
Barr, John F. '01
Beadle, William G. '12
Beeman, Archibald V. N. '24
Bete, John E. '96
Bemis, A. L.
Blakely, Frederick F. '98
Blakemore, Edric F. '12
Bogue, Robert H. '04
Bolingbroke, Richard L. '32
Brenton, Harold E. '90
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Burchstead, Frederick F. '02
Burlingame, Stanley V. '32
Butler, Samuel F. '99
Cameron, Malcom H. '19
Colburn, Clarence H. '21
Capaul, Edward
Cheever, Clayton E. '34
Davis, Will F. '79
Dorey, Leander E. '23
Edmands, Horace F. '95
Edwards, Harold W. '10
Edwards, Richard B. '79
Ellis, Merton P. '97
English, Harry A. '96
Evans, Charles '66
Fish, William W. '34
Fitzgerald, John A. '33
Fitzgerald, Walter G. '34
Foster, Walter B. '78
Foster, William W. '10
Fox, Henry A. '79
Graham, James H. '79
Green, Elmer W. '17
Greenwood, John W. '13
Hallman, Henry E. '31
Harris, Frank W. '00
Hill, Barnard '07
Holton, Roger L. '30
Horsfall, William A. '96
Howley, Harold W. '34
Jacobs, Harold Y. '10
James, Kenneth '31
Jorgenson, Ernest N. '08
Kenfield, LeRoy S. '82
Killeen, Thomas E. '34
Lindgren, Chester P. '28
Lewis, Preston W. '81
Lochrie, Howard F. '16
Loud, Clarence W. '96
Magee, John E. '34
Malm, Alfred C. '01
Marchi, Louis P. '06
Maxwell, Richard N. '00
Mayott, George '99
Milliken, Ralph W. '31
Milne, Thomas '12
McKay, Robert '05
Moore, Edward A. '76
Morrison, Lloyd R. '34
Morrison, William P. '76
Morse, Norman F. '95
Norrby, Clarence O. '13
Paley, John A. '29
Pearson, Frederick W. 78
Pendergast, Joseph L. '16
Pickard, Arthur H. '34
Pierce, Leonard O. '34
Piercy, Frederick W. '86
Powers, Michael J. '99
Pratt, Albert E. '99
Priest, Kenneth A. '25
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Taylor, Horace A. '30
Thayer, Frederick P. '03
Thomas, Raymond '26
Thompson, George F. '93
VanValkenburg, Fred E. '14
Very, Frederick S. '33
Washburn, Frank L. '83
Waters, Waldo L. '30
West, Edward F. '34
Weston, Samuel '04
Wight, Willis M. '31
Wilson, William S. '34

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Alumni Band Fund

Since the inception of the Massachusetts and New England School Band Contests in 1927 our band has had the privilege of competing, the funds being raised in various ways. It became apparent that this most worthwhile and wholesome activity would necessarily be omitted this year because of lack of funds. The matter was discussed with a few of the graduates who, because of their proximity to the Band and its work were anxious to keep the Band in the various events. The result of this was a form letter sent to each graduate, with an invitation to help send the boys to the music festivals.

The result of the letter was overwhelmingly gratifying. From ten different states amounts large and small were received. Many made especial note of the fact that they would be willing to increase their donation if enough funds were not raised. The many kind letters received gave splendid testimonial to the thrill and pride every F. T. S. boy has when he first plays with the band, and as he hears his young successors keep on where he left off.

It was hoped that some of the letters might be printed in the Beacon, but with over one hundred contributors it has been difficult to select any outstanding letters. Each of the contributors spoke highly of the F. T. S. band and what it has meant to them.

It is especially pleasing to note that eight members of the faculty donated to the fund.

Naturally every graduate is eager to know what happened at the festivals. In the years past prizes were given, but this has given way to the Festival plan, whereby judges tell each band how well it performs and make suggestions for improvement. There are no comparisions made with other bands. Our band placed in each festival and earned an Honor Rating which was more than we hoped for. The state festival was held at Melrose, and the New England Festival at Hampton Beach, N. H. Because of the excellent showing made at these events we were invited to take part in the music festival held at Harvard Stadium on June 9, and, because of the available funds we were also able to take part in this event. It is gratifying to note that, although scores of bands were enrolled in each of these noteworthy occurrences, the F. T. S. Band was one of two or three to receive special praise from the press.

On behalf of the Band and the Association your Secretary wishes to thank the donators, whose names are listed in this issue.

Merton P. Ellis, Secretary
77 Summer Street, Boston

Alumni Notes

CHARLES EVANS, '66, was awarded the honorary degree of Litt. D. by the Brown University Board of Fellows on June 8th.

GEORGE L. SURRY, '93, visited the School with the Ruggles Street Baptist Church Brotherhood on Saturday, July 7. His address is 86 Homes Avenue, Suite 2, Dorchester, Mass.

The article about the Field Day, which usually appears in the July issue, has been relegated to a later number.

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Tennis at F. T. S.

Most of the boys play tennis, and our court is nearly always in use. The annual tournaments have just begun, and the court was put into as good a condition as possible. Most important was the purchase of a new net, which is now in use. The fencing around the court has been taken down and replaced with new. A chemical to keep the dust on the surface of the court down has been applied and is very successful. The lines had been put on with lime until last year, when canvas tapes were used. These worked so well that new tapes were bought for this year. The court was built about ten years ago and is in fine condition.

There are always some boys having playtime throughout every day, and from morning until night there is ordinarily someone using the tennis court. After supper the instructors play, and many of the instructors are good players.

Many of the boys own rackets, and lend them to their friends who have none. We play a number of doubles matches. In order to allow as many boys play as possible our rule is that the losers leave the court. Thus the winners play as long as they can win, but the losers give way to another team.

Our Supervisor has laid out another court on the lawn, where many beginners have a good opportunity to learn the game. This is to be used by the smaller boys.

Each year we have a Senior tournament, and a Junior tournament. Those over fourteen years old are in the Senior group, while others make up the Junior tournament, with some exceptions. Everyone is invited to compete, and a large number do. Prizes are given the winners in each tournament.

Lewis C. Goodwin II

The New Band

Our 1934 band was started on July 17, and consisted of all those remaining from the old band. Many good players left with the graduating class, and the other boys moved up, leaving room for beginners to fill in. We have had regular rehearsals since that day, and the band is beginning to play very well. Soon a few more boys will be chosen from the beginners' band, and we will have a band of about the same number of players that we usually have.

When the musical festivals come next spring we hope to have as good, or even better, a band than the one we had last year.

William Littlejohn II

Our New Boat

The S. S. Pilgrim, which has been in service for about thirty-three years has been replaced by a motor launch the Pilgrim III. The new boat is powered by an oil burning engine, something like a diesel engine. It is forty-nine feet long. In the bow is located a small winch. On the upper deck is a short light funnel, for the exhaust. It has a mast built into the upper deck, and a staff for the pennant on the bow, and another larger one for the national colors on the stern. There is a stove in the cabin, which is used for heat during the winter. A life boat is set on the upper deck. She has bulwark around the deck. It is painted white, with buff decks.

Francis D. McAuliffe II

The Gardens

The boys' flower gardens are growing very well, and already have many flowers in them. The boys are all trying for prizes, and there are many attractive gardens. Each morning the boys take a few minutes and cultivate their gardens, and in the evening they water them. On Saturdays and Sundays they spend much time keeping them in good condition.

Jesse Mann 3rd I

My Garden

I have a garden which I am taking care of. I watch for weeds and pull them up as soon as I see them. I keep the border looking nice. I only came to the school a week or two ago but I hope to have my garden looking so well that I may win a prize.

George E. Gameson VI

Painting

I have been working in the paint shop with three other boys and we have done much painting. We did the three classrooms completely. After these were done the Chapel ceiling was cleaned and refinished. One of the Instructors' rooms has been done over.

Francis A. Curtin I

A Baseball Game

One day when I was on my vacation I saw a professional baseball game between the Red Sox and Philadelphia Athletics. It happened to be ladies' day and there were about 18,000 people there. The Red Sox got nine runs in one inning and Philadelphia used many pitchers. Werber of the Red Sox was the star of the game.

Roy M. Dole I

The Athletic Fund

Many of our friends may perhaps hear the term "athletic fund" and not quite understand how it originated, or what it is for. Each year several outside games are played by our school football and basketball teams, and the players have supplied their own equipment. It seemed wise to have this equipment owned by the teams, rather than by individuals. This idea was started and continued by word of mouth advertising, under the direction of our supervisor of athletics. The boys contributed what small amounts they could, and older friends helped somewhat. It is hoped that the goal may be reached, so that our teams may be on a sound financial basis.

You'll win your place in the sun,
You'll get all your frolic and fun,
If you'll make up your mind
To face the grind
And laugh when your work is done!

Haying

Every summer I look forward to the haying season, and it is a time when we are all very busy on the farm. On our farm are two hay wagons. one of which is larger than the other. After the hay is cut and dried well, it is raked into windrows, which are then put in tumples to be loaded onto the wagons. As each load is made it is hauled to the barn. Here it is stored in the haylofts, by means of a horse drawn pulley, which runs on a track. We raise all the hay we use, and each year there is some left over. **Harvey H. Davis I**

Starting the New School Year

On Monday night, July 16, we had our first Grade Reading. Mr. Meacham read the schedule of classes, and changes in department work for each boy. He then gave us a talk about how to begin the new school year, both in the classroom and in our general effort and conduct. It was a very nice talk. **Edward L. Very II**

Helping on the Farm

Yesterday I went to the barn and the instructor there told me to help unload hay. I pulled the rope which guides the hayfork for awhile. Afterwards I led the horse while the fork was being used. The fork takes the hay from the wagon and the horse walks forward. A rope attached to the fork goes through pulleys and is what the horse pulls to lift the hay to the mow.

Leonard I. Scott VI

Change of Work

After vacation many of the boys look forward to a change in work. I was working in the Dining Room, and was changed to the farm. After being there a short time I was told to report to the Clothing Room. I was then given two outfits of clothes and told to report at the steamer. This is my regular work now, and I like it very much.

Raymond L. Beck II

Sewing Room Work

I work in the Sewing Room and have done this since I came to the school last month. I have learned how to run the darning machine, and like this especially. Some other things I do are to sew on buttons and fold the clothes neatly.

William B. Pratt VI

Painting

After school started I was changed from the dormitory to the paint shop. The paint shop crew has been very busy lately. We do such jobs as setting glass, repairing window cords, and painting. We have painted many of the rooms. Now we are painting the boys' dormitories. I like this work very much. **David F. Hills II**

The Jester's Comments

—In an Ancient History class the teacher was explaining types of armor used. On the back of the armor is a ring used to hoist the warrior upon his steed. A little later the teacher asked Ed Very what the ring was for and Ed answered, "To hang him with."

—Some of the new boys, who aspire to be farmers, suddenly decided to test the explosive qualities of partly decayed tomatoes. After a good start had been made the experiment suddenly ended. We do not say whom the best target was, but 'tis said that Bill Pratt was the best marksman.

—Since the advent of the popular "whiffle" haircut, we have been given a chance to study the formation of some of the better known heads. No less than eight of the boys have succumbed. If you think you have a beautiful smooth head never get a whiffle. If you will study closely a few who have this tonsorial peripicuity you will get a general idea of glacial construction of the south polar regions. For good examples we suggest Jerry Macdonald and Webbie Goodwin.

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Pilgrim III

The new boat Pilgrim III made her initial trip on school business Monday, July 23, 1934.

The steamer Pilgrim was built 36 years ago and is still serviceable but is no longer suitable for our winter use.

Pilgrim III was designed by John G. Alden and built during the winter by Fred F. Pendleton in Wiscasset, Maine. The engine is a 75 horsepower Murray and Tregurtha Fuel-oil marine engine.

Pilgrim III has a length of 48 feet, 6 inches, 11 feet 6 inch beam, a draft of 4 feet, 1 inch, and a gross tonnage of 17 tons. This is slightly shorter, wider and less draft than the steamer. The new boat has considerably more carrying capacity because of the compactness of this new type of heavy duty engine. Although speed is not an essential in our transportation service this boat is considerably faster than the old one.

The naval architect designed the new boat especially for our winter service and the construction throughout is made heavy by Pendleton, the well known boat builder. The frame and other timbers are heavy, selected clear white oak. The planking is of the same material 1½ inches finished thickness. The deck is 1½ inch native pine.

President Arthur Adams piloted the Pilgrim III from Wiscasset to Boston, a trip of some 150 miles. Mr. Adams having been a Lieutenant in the United States Navy and a yachtsman all his life knows the waters of the Atlantic Seaboard as few pilots do.

Topics in Brief

The following boys were selected for admission to the school at a meeting of the Committee on July 9. The group came to the Island on July 16, with one exception, Maxwell Clark, who came later.
Russell Garfield Bartholomew, Boston
Eliot Bernard, Natick
Maxwell Merton Clark, Hanover
Howard Merrill Colpitts, Wakefield
Robert Charles Daniels, West Medway
Warren Arnold Danner, South Boston
George Edwin Gameson, Dedham
Benjamin Clayton Graffam, Beverly
James Russell Langton, North Weymouth
William Bradford Pratt, East Braintree
William Francis Reagan, Brookline
Albert Gardiner Richardson, Cambridge
Lionel Willey, Malden
Charles Eugene Wood, Wakefield

Mr. George Guyette, a swimming teacher attached to the American Red Cross was here during the week of July 23 giving swimming lessons. A feature part of the course was the life-saving methods. Many of the boys passed the Red Cross tests and are entitled to wear the official insignia. Manager Charles P. Curtis, who is director of the Massachusetts Humane Society, arranged for the swimming instructor.

A large cabinet was received during the month, a gift of Manager John L. Batchelder. It is being assembled in our Assembly Hall and it will be a valuable addition to our library facilities.

Our annual tennis tournament will be under way soon. This is organized and sponsored by Mr. Walston, our High School teacher. It permits all boys an opportunity to take part, and the tournament is in two divisions, Senior and Junior.

The Ruggles Street Baptist Church Brotherhood Class held an outing at the Island on July 7. The group arrived early in the morning and remained until early evening. Swimming and baseball received most of their time.

The Third Friends' Day of this season took place on July 31, with 271 relatives and friends of the boys in attendance. Among the visitors were President Arthur Adams, Secretary of the Alumni Association Merton P. Ellis, and several graduates.

Our school year began on July 17, with no changes in the staff of teachers. All but a few of the boys were promoted.

The baseball series for the Crosby Shield and trophies began during the month. Two games were played, and both won by Club B, captained by Lewis C. Goodwin. We look for an especially hard-fought schedule of contests for this year.

Cottage Row Government has been very active this month. The regular quaterly election was held at which time Franklin M. Pierce was elected Mayor. Many of the cottages are in finer condition than they have been for years, which is saying considerable, for Cottage Row has always proved to be one of the projects which holds the most interest of our visitors.

We have been enjoying a large amount of fresh vegetables from our farm, the tomatoes, cucumbers and sweet corn being especially plentiful. It is expected that the amount of crops harvested will exceed our fine records of recent years.

The Squantum Womens' Club held a field day here recently.

Our painting work continues, several rooms being refinished since the last issue of the Beacon. Our painters are now beginning on the dormitories.

July Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 93° on the seventh.

Minimum Temperature 57° on the twenty-eighth.

Mean Temperature for the month 74°.

Seven clear days, eighteen partly cloudy, and six cloudy.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, July 31, 1934

RESOURCES

Savings Bank	$929.67
Cash	80.57
	$1010.24

LIABILITIES

Boys' Deposits	$273.80
Trading Co. Deposits	381.44
Cottage Row Deposits	42.77
Photo Company Deposits	97.62
Surplus	274.61
	$1010.24

Calendar 50 Years Ago, July 1884

As Kept by the Superintendent

4. The only visitors today were Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Evans and Preston Lewis, all from East Weymouth. In the evening we had a fine display of fireworks the better half of which were given us by Mr. Evans, who has our thanks. Mr. Evans is one of our most esteemed graduates.

5. Mr. John W. Watson, graduate, and wife came from New York to visit us.

10. To city with boat carrying 14 bushels of turnips to market. Ida Day left for vacation.

11. Arose at 3:30 and went to the city in the Emma boat and got Amy Facy, sister to Fannie, from Portland steamer "John Brooks".

23. Good hay weather. Rec'd a visit from John H. Pratt who was in this school 30 years ago. He is now living in Jewel county, Kansas, town of Wakato. He is a fine specimen of a man, intelligent and robust. Mr. and Mrs. Eager, relatives of his, came with him.

25. Rainy morning. No hay day. Carried 16 bundles of hay to Mr. Patten, Savin Hill. Got the steamer aground on a little ridge of gravel, etc. She did not get home until midnight.

26. Two men came to paper two rooms. Mr. Chapman went home to Kittery, Maine. Mrs. J. R. M. went to city. Mrs. M. R. T. Owler came to teach. Sent boys to depot for trunk.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, July 1844

As Kept by the Superintendent

4. Rec'd a visit from Geo. W. Drake, Esq. of Rye and Mr. Richard Hoitt and Lady from Northwood, N. H. This being the anniversary of the American Independence the boys had a holiday. They had gingerbread, figs, and oranges in the forenoon; and in the afternoon, partook of a picnic in the pasture, consisting of plumcake, cherries and lemonade. In the evening many of them sat up late to witness the display of fireworks from Boston, Roxbury, Dorchester, etc.

Received a visit from John Ball, Esq. of Boston and his son John B. Ball. The former conducted the religious services of the Sabbath. Admitted Domingos Rodrigues and Joseph B. Rodrigues, both born in Portugal and unacquainted with the English language.

27. The painters finished their work and Henry Morris left.

30. The steamer "Gen. Lincoln" made her third trip to the Island this

season with the friends of the boys who were accompanied by Messr. Gould, Bayley, Waterston and Bracket of the Board of Managers. Admitted John Cowing, John Hallahan and Thomas Freeborn.

The Birthday Table

I came here on July 16, and two days later Mr. and Mrs. Meacham invited everyone who had birthdays in July to a party. It took place at supper time. We had chicken, cranberry sauce, potatoes, candy, ice cream, cake and other good things to eat. There were about twelve present. We enjoyed it very much.

Lionel Willey VI

New Boys

On July 16 a group of new boys came to the school to begin a training that will enable them to be someone worth-while.

After arriving on the steamer Pilgrim they were taken about the Island, and shown the buildings and different departments. They were given lockers, clothing, and started on a new and different school life.

Albert G. Richardson II

Cleaning Brass

Every morning before school begins I clean the brass pipes in the washroom. First I put some polish on them and when it dries I rub it off with a cloth. They shine very brightly. I hope I can have the same job every morning.

Charles E. Wood VI

My Work

Everyday I help in the Dining Room. I clear off five tables and bring the dishes to the dishwashing machine. Then I get the tables ready to be set up again. The last thing I do is to see that the tables are ready for the next meal.

Warren A. Danner VI

Printing Office Work

Recently Mr. Meacham changed my work to the Printing Office. I like it very much. The first day I began to learn the case, or where each letter of the alphabet is located in the lower case. I also learned how to put the rollers in the Colts Armory press.

Warren F. Morse II

Baseball

Baseball is one of the major sports at our school. Most of the boys play this game.

Each summer we have a schedule of games between the club team. Each club has a first and second team. Every boy has a chance to play.

One of our Managers, Mr. S. V. R. Crosby gives a trophy to the best player in each position, and the winning team receives a silver shield with the names of the players engraved on it. We are very happy to receive these trophies.

Elvin C. Bean II

Repairing Valves

A short while ago my Instructor and myself went through a collection of old valves that had been stored for some months. We selected those that were in fairly good condition and took them apart one at a time. There was some trouble with each valve and after locating it we corrected it. We ground the seats of some, put new rings in others and straightened and packed the stems of those that needed it. We then took the valves that were in themselves useless, and made up as many good ones as possible by taking a part that was good in one and uniting it with another good part of a valve of the same size and type.

This job was only one of many interesting ones that the Power House boys do.

David R. Harris II

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Alumni Field Day

The Alumni Field Day was held on June 16, it being moved ahead one day on account of the holiday coming on Sunday. 187 graduates, their familes and a few former instructors were present. The group was escorted to the Island in the Steamer Pilgrim and the John Alden.

After arriving at the wharf the Alumni were escorted to the Front Lawn by the School Band, many who relinquished their places to graduates who formerly played in the band. A short business meeting took place on the lawn. At this time a resolution expressing the sorrow of the Association for the death of its esteemed member, Thomas J. Evans, '64 was read. The matter of the athletic teams, with funds for more outside contests was discussed, and it was decided that the Association would help quite generously.

The group then dispersed for a day of sports of all kinds. Who won the ball game was a matter of opinion, as far as the spectators were concerned. More fun was had at the boys' races and games than at any other event. For two hours trick races of all kinds were performed, for which the first three winners were given cash prizes. Canny Jimmie Graham, who has a game of his own each year with the pupils of the school lost again. The oldest inhabitant can't remember Jimmie coming without bringing his peck of peanuts, and the boys watch this canny graduate for the first sight of the peanut sacks. When they do Jimmie and the peanuts part very quickly, indeed.

Following the outdoor sports dancing was enjoyed, after which the Alumni bid farewell to their Alma Mater. Graduates present were:

Albee, Clifton E. '23
Albee, Clyde W. '33
Alcott, George J. '80
Alcott, William '84
Allen, Ramsey C. '30
Bennett, George '95
Blakemore, Edric B. '12
Blanchard, Lloyd W. '32
Bolingbroke, Richard L. '32
Bryant, Frank G. '94
Buchanan, Robert J. '22
Butler, Alton B. '26
Cameron, Malcom H. '19
Cullington, Alfred L. '95
Dorman, Burton '27
Dudley, Herbert L. '16
Dudley, Robert E. '16
Eastty, Thomas W. '31
Edwards, Richard B. '79
Ellis, Howard B. '99
Ellis, Merton P. '97
Floyd, Harold E. '29
Foster, Walter B. '78
Freeman, William H. '30
Graham, James H. '79
Grant, William J. '15
Green, Elmer W. '17
Hanson, Richard H. '21
Hills, Ellsworth E. '33
Huey, Leroy. B. '11
Jacobs, Alfred W. '10
Ladd, Albert H. '02
Larsson, G. George '17
Lewis, Preston W. '81
Lindgren, Chester P. '28
Lombard, Frank I. '95
Linscott, Charles B. '78
MacGregor, John D. '31
Malm, Alfred C. '01
MacPherson, Donald S. '17
Marshall, Earle C. '10
Marshall, William M. '10
McCarragher, Thomas G. '07
McLenna, Clarence H. '27
Middleton, Benjamin F. '32
Milliken, Ralph W. '31
Mitchell, Robert W. '32
Morrison, William P. '76
Morse, Norman F. '85
Muse, Victor H. '17
Powers, Michael J. '99
Pratt, Walter K. '33
Pratt, Warren N. '29
Pulson, Clifford M. '97
Randall, Reginald D. '32
Schippers, John H. '21
Scott, Alan B. '30
Smart, Joseph H. '87
Smith, Daniel E. '20
Swan, Ralph I. '27
Taylor, Horace A. '30
Thomas, Raymond '26
Turner, Paul A. '30
Very, Frederick S. '33
Vining, J. Sumner '23
Walther, George J. '84
Washburn, Frank L. '83
Whitehead, Samuel L. '23
Whitmore, Almon H. '30
Winmill, Ivers E. '23
Woodman, Vincent D. '33
Warren, Howitt R. '29
Wright, Chester F. '30
Wright, T. Chapel '08
Young, William L. '28

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The Tennis Tournaments

The tennis tournaments this year were very hard fought, and were very interesting. They were successful in every way, and a large number of the boys entered the contests.

The Senior tournament consisted of those over fourteen years old, and the Junior tournament was made up of the younger boys. It took about six weeks to play the tournaments.

In the Senior tournament Elvin Bean and Harold DeLorie matched in the semi-finals, as did John R. Macdonald and Reginald Burlingame. The finals found Harold DeLorie pitted against John Macdonald, the former winning, in two sets.

The Junior tournament saw Peter Mann defeat George Krebs, Jr., in the semi-finals, and Russell Bartholomew defeat David Hills. In the finals Russell Bartholomew won over Peter Mann in three sets.

We are all very grateful to Mr. Walston, who sponsored the tournaments, and offered trophies to those who reached the finals.

Harold B. DeLorie I

Grade Reading

The First Class gave the program at a recent Grade Reading, and it was based upon a part of Robert Louis Stevenson's famous story, "Treasure Island". It was in the form of a skit, with some original characters and scenes.

The setting was the Black Dog Tavern. A few sailors were seated about a table drinking and playing cards. Jim Hawkins and Long John Silver were then seen walking towards the tavern. As they near it Jim blows a boatswain's whistle and the men in the tavern hastily put away their cards. After Long John greeted the sailors and introduced Jim he called upon some of the men to entertain. There were harmonica solos, the tale of the "Nancy Bell", and a song by Barnacle Bill and his mate.

Ben Gunn then entered, and brought a quick climax to the play. He was bent and crippled, with his clothes in tatters. He seeks revenge for being left on the deserted island, and secured it by throwing a bomb among the sailors. The play ended at this point. Those who took part were:

Jim Hawkins . . . . Jesse Mann 3rd
Long John Silver . . Edward Andrew
Captain Morgan . . Harold DeLorie
Captain Flint . . . . . Walter Bishop
Ben Gunn . . . . . Roy Dole
Barnacle Bill . . . . John Macdonald
Waiter . . . . . Harold Bent
Sailors . . . Reginald A. Burlingame
Franklin Pierce

Robert H. Young I

A Band Concert

On Sunday August 26 Mr. Warren, our Bandmaster, brought his 101st Engineers' Band to the Island to give us a concert. Our Band met the visitors at the wharf and escorted them to the Front Lawn. Then we played a few selections for the visitors.

The Engineers' Band then prepared to give its concert. They played several fine pieces. Their program included a few novelty pieces, and solos which we enjoyed very much.

The concert closed with both bands giving a massed band program. We played marches. We enjoyed playing with such fine performers.

It was a very enjoyable afternoon, and we appreciate the kindness of Mr. Warren and his musicians.

Walter A. Bishop I

When Sadness Meets Gladness

The first Friends' Day of the season of 1934 was to be the worst one that I have yet experienced (so I thought). Everyone was happy and everything went as usual in the morning. We had a fine dinner and there was much hurrying about afterwards. Soon the boys were in uniform and waiting to meet the boat. She made a good landing and the friends came hurrying off. The band marched up the Front Avenue, followed by the boys and the much interested friends. We arrived at the Front Lawn and went through the usual exercises during which I was vainly searching the crowd for my mother. After the program was over there was a great rush, with boys and parents greeting each other. After things quieted I again made a vain search for my mother and then I came to the sad awakening that she did not come. I walked about for awhile and then started down Front Avenue, headed for I don't know where. Then I saw my mother coming up the avenue. I was so excited I hardly knew which way to turn. I later found out that she had missed the boat and had come over on a Coast Guard vessel.

Charles F. Averill III

My New Work

At a recent Grade Reading Mr. Meacham read the change of work for all the boys.

I was changed from the dormitory to the office. I sweep and dust the offices and the Reading Room. When this is finished I do errands to different departments.

I like this work very much.

Francis S. Sheldon IV

About Calves

The boy who take care of the calves has probably a less difficult job than many other barn duties. Yet, when teaching a calf to drink it is quite hard. The calf stays with its mother for the first day and a half, then the calf boy assumes charge. He must teach the calf to drink, and must be very careful to get the amount of milk correct, and be sure it is not too cold. If this is not done properly the calf may get the scours. The common scours are not very dangerous, but if they develop into bloody or white scours they may prove fatal.

In advancing a calf's feed it is also necessary to consider the size of it's stomach. When a calf is about three to four months old it can be fed a handful of grain. This should continue for five months when the calf should be put on a grain, hay and silage ration.

Richard S. Kimball III

Our football season will open on Saturday, October 13, when we play the Weymouth H. S. team on the latter's gridiron. It is hoped that a large number will attend to cheer the boys.

The Baseball Season

We had a very good baseball season. Both first teams were very evenly matched and four of the games were won by one run. Club B took the first three contests, and than Club A came back to win the next two. Finally the game which was to decide the shield came. Club A went into the ninth inning with a two run lead only to see it wiped away. With one out the next two men reached on infield pop flies which were muffed, and the bases were filled when the next batter was passed. The second out was made on a fly. Franklin Pierce stepped to the plate, looked over two strikes, and then tripled to right field, clearing the bases and sending in three runs to win the game, the championship and the Shield for Club B.

Reginald A. Burlingame I

My New Work

I work in the Dining Room and I like it very much. This week I have charge of the middle row of tables. Each week we take turns being the dish washer and the dish wiper. The tables are cleared and set by us, after which we do our extra work such as the Front Hall. We usually finish our work by quarter of ten, and then play until quarter past eleven. Then we get the Dining Room set up for dinner.

William F. Reagan IV

My New Work

A few days ago I was assigned to work which I have never had the opportunity to do before. It is paint shop work and I like it very much.

The first job we did was scraping and painting the boat. It was work I liked except when I had to lie on my pack to paint underneath the hull. I was glad that we finished it. In a few more days we were assigned to another job, that of scraping and painting the scow. We painted the deck dark yellow and the sides white. The iron parts were painted black. The inside was painted a lighter yellow than the deck.

This week it has been raining so we worked inside setting glass where needed.

William D. DeLorie III

Vaccinating Chickens

One day I was told to help the poultry instructor vaccinate the chickens. This process was done by one boy going into the chicken pen and passing the fowls out of the door. Another boy would be outside to receive the chickens as they were passed. The boy receiving them would hand them to the instructor. The instructor then pulled a few feathers from the chicken's right leg. Then the instructor put some vaccine on the leg with a small brush. This was done to approximately 280 chickens. If the vaccination takes, the spot on which the vaccine is spread will swell up. Thus we protect our poultry from disease.

William C. Burns III

Our Pets

The most numerous pets of the school are dogs. At the school we now have three dogs. The largest is a police dog who is rather old but is a good ratter and is still full of pep. She likes to be petted. The second largest dog is Trixie. She is also very fond of being petted. Last of all is a small Boston Terrier which is the liveliest of the dogs. It seems as though he never rests. He is very fond of taking the boys hats and hiding them in the grass.

We also have three goats which are very fond of romping in the pasture with the cows. There are two black and white ones and one brown and white one.

There is one cat on the island. Her colors are gray and white. She is rather fond of milk.

Edwin C. Willey III

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Football

A recent issue of the Boston Herald carried a most generous article written by Will Cloney pertaining to athletics at our School, part of which follows.

"For thirty years scholastic sport followers have scarcely heard a word mentioned about this private group, restricted to eighty boys who have the entire run of Thompson's Island in Boston Harbor. If present plans materialize, the school once more will be recognized as it was in the past.

"In 1901, for instance, the Traders defeated Somerville 16-0. The next year the second team lost to Somerville 21-5, but the first team beat Wellesley, 35-0. Dorchester was a 23-0 victim in 1904. Boston Latin was the only team to score wins over the island boys, triumphing 5-0 in 1904, and 12-5 in 1907. Wakefield, Saugus, Waverly and Malden were other schools to bow to the light, fast boys in the days when touchdowns counted five points and the flying wedge held favor.

"Then the school adopted the intramural policy and the school has continued this plan until the present. It still is in force, but a regular team has been formed and the school groped its way into outer competition again three years ago when it played East Douglas. Only one outside game was allowed, and Topsfield has been the only opponent for the past two years.

"Those games were experiments to see whether the 135-pounders could give the regular school teams a tussle. When the Farm and Traders whipped Topsfield, 19 to 0 there was no further question.

"The Thompson's Island School is proud of its record, for it celebrated its 100th anniversary of the school's ownership and occupancy of Thompson's Island on June 17, 1933, and has maintained an extremely high standard throughout those

years. The boys are young, starting academic work at the sixth grade and continuing through the second year of high school.

"That makes the teams very small from point of poundage, but speed and skill balance that lack. The outdoor life, the regular living and exercise, build the boys up to such an extent that they are quite capable of competing with any ordinary small-town high school, despite the fact that the regular high school has boys two years older.

"A squad of 35 boys reported to Coach Raymond Thomas for the first practice and five veterans were in that group. No captain has been elected as yet but one will be chosen as soon as the games begin. Harold DeLorie, diminutive but capable quarterback heads the list of veterans.

"The starting line is practically certain with Johnny Bailey at center, Edward Andrew and Harvey Davis at guard, David Harris and Walter Bishop at tackle and Edwin Willey and James Ritchie at end. Elvin Bean, who will do the passing and kicking, is sure of his fullback position, but Lewis Goodwin, Reg Burlingame and Orlando Murphy are fighting it out for the other two backfield posts.

"Now all the boys need is someone to play, for the inter-mural program, while it keeps them interested, does not have the appeal of outside contests against outside schools. The Thompson's Island outfit has developed some great athletes, including Clarence DeMar, veteran marathoner, and DeMar is a typical example of the student body, for the boys are thorough sportsmen and gentlemen at all times.

"Clifton Albee, who is arranging the the schedule, may be reached by letter at Box 1486, Boston Postoffice, and there is also a telephone connection at the School."

Topics in Brief

On Sunday, August 26 we enjoyed a fine program given by the 101st Engineers' Band, M. N. G., which was arranged by Mr. Frank L. Warren, who is Director of this visiting group, and also our School band. Concerts were given by both bands, after which a program was given in massed band formation. Besides playing several standard numbers the visiting band played several novelty numbers, which proved highly entertaining. We are grateful to Mr. Warren and his men for providing us with such a splendid entertainment.

Our annual tennis tournament was completed during the month. The result of a six weeks playoff schedule found John R. Macdonald and Harold B. DeLorie playing in the Senior tournament finals, with the latter winning 6-0, 6-2. The Junior tournament was won by R. Bartholomew who defeated Peter F. Mann in a fine series of matches, the scores being 8-6 0-6, 8-6. These four players represent the finest players in their class at the school, and will be awarded a prize by Mr. Ernest B. Walston, who sponsored the meets.

The baseball season is completed, and Club B, captained by Lewis C. Goodwin has won the Shield. The games this year were very close, four games being decided by one run, Heavy hitting by both teams developed not only good batters but several fine fielders. It has been a most successful season.

Our Friends' Day took place on the twenty-eigth of August, with 256 present.

August Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 86° on the tenth. Minimum Temperature 48° on the thirtieth. Mean monthly temperature 69°.

Six clear days, eighteen partly cloudy, and seven cloudy.

Calendar 50 Years Ago, August 1884

As Kept by the Superintendent

2. Another good day. Got in barley and all hay mowed. Sent to Portland steamer for some friends of Fannie's.

5. Monthly report. Boys in school 97 in number. Admitted during the month Chas. Louis Buetner—discharged none.

6. Visiting day. Managers present Messrs. Alfred Bowditch, Bacon, and Dexter. Our band went up on the boat to the Soldier's Home in Chelsea to play to the inmates under the patronage of C. S. Bartlett(graduate nearly 30 years ago). On their return they called at the Church Home, South Boston, and gave a concert. They arrived home at 8:30 having had a glorious time themselves and afforded pleasure to many others.

9. A nice cool day with a strong east wind. A good day for a boat race and one has been held by the Boston Yacht Club. It was a spirited affair. The boat "Adrianne" Com. Papp's boat beating the "Shadow" and "Tempest". Got in the last of the English hay. Have had a long tedious time of it on account of unsettled weather. Have had a very good crop. Mr J. R. Morse leaves today for his vacation.

16. A party from the Young Men's Christian Union under the direction of Mr. Wm. H. Baldwin came to visit us for awhile this P M. This is the 2nd visit by the Union both of which have been very pleasant. Today we had singing in the school room and band music, etc. in the hall. These visits are profitable to us in that they give people an opportunity to learn just what our school is Nearly all of our visitors including Mr. Baldwin supposed this a city and penal institution.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, August 1844

As Kept by the Superintendent

16. Moses Grant, B. A. Gould, Geo. H. Kuhn, and J. I. Bowditch, Esqres., of the Board of Managers and about a hundred others, patrons of the institution, visited the island in the steamer "Gen. Lincoln". At the close of the exercises, an address to the school and visitors was made by the Rev. Dr Parkman.

17. The Superintendent, matron teacher and sixty-six boys made an excursion to Quincy and spent the day in a grove. The day was fine, and the boys enjoyed their sports among the trees very much. They were furnished with refreshments consisting of pilot bread, plum cake, crackers, gingerbread, iced lemonade, apples and peaches. The conduct of all the boys on this excursion was such as to entitle them to much credit. Bernard W. Crosby of Billerica was permitted to go to a farm house near by and deserted.

27. Moses Grant, Esq., and Mr. Bacon of the Board of Managers and about a hundred others visited the island in the steamer Gen. Lincoln.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, August 31, 1934

RESOURCES

Savings Bank	$929.67
Cash	92.90
	$1022.57

LIABILITIES

Boys' Deposits	$273.54
Trading Co. Deposits	384.18
Cottage Row Deposits	45.12
Photo Company Deposits	43.12
Surplus	276.61
	$1022.57

Champions

Many of the boys play horseshoes and Robert Young and I are the champions. We defeated everyone last year, and have had no trouble winning this year. We hope to have some more challengers.

Jesse Mann 3rd I

Friends' Day

Every time a Friends' Day comes, the boys are very happy. In the morning in school, when we have spare time, we clean the schoolroom. Sometimes we have dinner an hour early. That is because of the work that has to be done after dinner. At about 12:30 o'clock the boys are in their uniforms.

Just before the boat comes the boys march down the avenue to meet their friends. The friends follow the boys up the avenue while the band plays a march. When the friends are all up the band plays again and Mr. Meacham gives a short talk. The boys then go with their friends until about 4:15, then the Nantasket Boat comes and gets the friends. Afterwards the boys go up the hill very happy.

William M. Meacham III

The Reading Room

We have a very nice Reading Room at F. T. S. We may go there any time we wish. There are a fine set of books, and many magazines and papers. In a large case we have our museum. In it there are birds of many varieties and also a huge snail shell There is an old flintlock gun which was used many years ago. I think we have a very interesting museum and Reading Room.

Warren M. Linnell IV

My Double Promotion

Last Monday night at Grade Reading after the Class Program. Mr. Meacham talked about the Achievement Tests. He read the names of the boys who were promoted. There were only two boys who went ahead and I was surprised when Mr. Meacham read my name because I didn't think I would be promoted. I think I will like my new class.

Eugene Proctor IV

Muskmellons

This spring we planted muskmellons in a green soil. They grew very well, and were hoed and weeded and otherwise taken care of. We are now being rewarded for our efforts by having them every day. They are very good, and as there are many more to pick we shall probably have them for some days yet.

Edwin E. Andrew I

The Aldermens' Meeting

On September 6 the Aldermen held their regular meeting following the recent election. As a result Lewis C. Goodwin was elected chairman. Licenses to practice law were issued to two candidates. The new taxes were agreed upon and the rates announced.

Franklin M. Pierce I

The Jester's Comments

—Jesse Mann, (the third), has discovered that too many hasty abolutions lead to longer and more strenuous ones.

—Nicknames sometimes are a long time in coming, and when they arrive are usually a bit different. Eddie Andrew, who makes the longest and loudest of speeches, thus causes a draft, the boys say. Hence he has been nicknamed "Windy".

—"Bertha" Bent, thrilled, perhaps by the newspaper accounts of dictators in this country and abroad took up the practice a few days ago. The subject, Milly Pierce, has a mind of his own, however, and Bertha changed tactics quickly. Milly's method of defense had perhaps better not be mentioned.

—Contributions to this column will be welcome. Call on Larry Dole, Editor, from whom sufficient material may be gleaned.

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The following boys have money in the Provident Bank. Information regarding any of them would be appreciated. Address Alumni Editor.

Allen, Lawrence F. '98
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Gregory, Robert W. '09
Hart, George E. '02
O'Connor, Charles H. '06
Rich, Everett A. '07

CHARLES EVANS, '66 was among those awarded honorary degrees by the Brown University Board of Fellows on June 8. Mr. Evans received the degree of Litt. D.

JOHN F. BARR '01 has operated a farm in Essex Mass., for the past 28 years. He is a member of the Grange, and treasurer of the Congregational Church. His daughter, Mary Elizabeth, graduated from Jackson College in 1933, with the highest honors.

CLARENCE H. DEMAR '03, is again receiving congratulations. His third child, Charles Hale DeMar arrived at the Elliot Community Hospital, Keene, N. H., on July 20th.

CLARENCE S. NELSON, '09 has been employed by the Salem Electric Lighting Company for the past eleven years. Previous to this he was with the General Electric Company. During the war he erected many transmission lines to shipyard and munition factories in Groton, Norwich, and Waterbury, Conn. Mr. Nelson is married and has five children. His home address is 5 Sylvan St., Salem.

PERCY SMITH '09 visited the School with his family July 19. He is a United States Postal Employee in New York City. His home address is 873a Glenmore Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

WILLARD G. SCHROEDER '24, we are glad to learn was recently discharged from the Letterman Hospital in San Francisco, where he had been for four months, owing to an accident to his hand. He is a wire chief, in charge of the Gov't. Telephone at Benicia Arsenal, Benicia, California, with the rank of Corporal. He has been there for four years, and was previously at Rockwell Field.

PHILIP H. YOUNG '25 has returned from Hawaii, and is now in the service, at Fort McDowell, Angell Island, California.

ARTHUR C. ROUSE, '34, is working at a First National Store in Arlington and is planning to attend Arlington High School this fall. His address is 108 Pearson Avenue, W. Somerville, Mass.

Word has been recently received of the marriage of Edward V. Osberg '22 and Miss Alice Dee. We hope to tell more about this couple in our next issue.

Graduates will be interested to know that David H. Holmes, an Instructor at the School from 1888 to 1896 recently visited his former homes in Waverly and Melrose, and also his birthplace at Johnson, Vermont. Mr Holmes was accompanied by his wife and daughter. He is the director of Physical Therapy in the Department of Mental Diseases of the Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia.

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A Magical Show

On Thursday, September 13, "Mal" Cameron, an F. T. S. graduate came to the Island and gave a magical show. He was here last year and gave such a good show that all the boys were anticipating seeing him again.

He opened his show by tearing a newspaper to bits, and then causing the paper to be made whole again. Then he continued with a variety of tricks, some of which he did last year.

One of his new stunts was to cause an electric light bulb to float about the hall. The light was dim, and there was no other light in the hall except his bulb. It was a weird sight.

Another trick he did was the rabbit trick. He put cotton batting and other materials in a pan and lighted it. He covered the blaze, and when he lifted the cover a rabbit appeared. He asked one of the boys if he would like the rabbit to lay an egg, and then put the rabbit in the box. A moment or two later the egg was there. but the rabbit was gone. A tail was seen by the table, and the magician turned the table up and all that was there was a tail. Just where the rabbit went is a mystery.

Other tricks he did was to burn money and handkerchiefs and restore them.

We enjoyed his show very much and hope he will come again next year.

Warren F. Morse II

Repairing the Float

Every year, during the latter part of September, the North Side float is repaired. It was floated on a cradle near the stone wharf. This cradle was built from heavy dike planks, with three sets of blocks under it, which made it look like three wooden horses. Because we worked under the float this cradle had to be constructed with great care, otherwise accidents might happen.

The first thing we did was to strip the float of its barrels and sea growth. Then all broken boards were replaced and everything repaired that needed it. Thirteen barrels were painted with red lead and put under the float, fastened with a light framework.

The float is now in use, and is in first class condition.

The south-side float, which is used during the summer months, will soon be hauled onto the beach, where, during the winter, it will be repaired and made ready for next summer.

Francis D. McAuliffe II

My Bakery Work

I work in the bakery every afternoon. At least three times a week I mix the dough for the morning baker, who does the baking. The first thing I do is to cut a large yeast cake in half and let it dissolve until quarter of four. Meanwhile I get a large pail for the milk. I put 2½ cups of both butter and lard in a pan and place it on the stove so that it will melt. 42 quarts of flour, two cups of salt, and four cups of sugar have already been sifted and are in the bread mixer. At quarter of four I get seventeen quarts of milk, and bring my ingredients in the bakeshop. To the flour, sugar and salt I add the melted butter and lard. Then the milk is added, so that the mixture will be cooled, as the yeast is put in next. Hot mixtures will spoil yeast. I then start the mixer and run it for an hour. During this time I grease the pans and get everything ready for baking in the morning. Finally I take the dough from the mixer and put it into a long trough where it remains until morning. The morning baker and I take turns getting up early to put the dough in the pans.

Hudson D. Brenner III

Football Practice

This year football practice started on September 4. Our coach instructed all those who wished to try for the school team to report on the gridiron, and thirty-five responded. The first few practices were spent in learning how to get in the line positions, and how to take a man out of the line. Later we had workouts on the tackling dummy and blocking. After several practice sessions the backfield was picked and taught a few plays. All the boys have been drilled in handling the ball properly. All the boys are ambitious to earn a place on the regular squad this year.

Edward E. Andrew I

Lower Court Trials

The Lower Court holds its trials quite often, and the new judge is Harold B. DeLorie. The sessions are opened by the clerk calling the court to order. Then the police take charge.

The clerk reads each warrant and the defendants step forward. They make a plea of "Guilty" or "Not Guilty" after which the Judge handles the case.

The government has witnesses for each case, and these are sworn, after which they give their testimony.

Upon the finding of the verdict sentence is imposed. Should the defendant be found Guilty, he has the privilege of appealing to the Superior court where his case is tried by jury.

Harold F. Bent I

Cutting Corn

Every fall, for about three weeks, we are busy cutting corn. It is done by hand, each boy doing two rows the length of the field. The cut corn is hauled to the silage cutter where it is stacked alongside. Then it is fed into the ensilage cutter where it is cut into two inch pieces. A blower blows it up a pipe where it enters the silo at the top. The corn is packed and wet down to make it solid and air-tight. It is used during the winter to feed our cattle.

Harvey H. Davis I

Making a Ring

A short time ago another boy and I started to make a ring out of monel. This is a very hard alloy made up of copper, nickel and other substances. We begin by drilling a hole in the monel and finishing it with fine emery cloth so it fits the finger. After the inside is completed the outside is ground down and a head made. The ring is then polished and sent to an engraver so that our initials may be inscribed.

John A. Bailey II

Labor Day

On Labor Day only the necessary work was done after breakfast. Then the program of holiday events was started.

In the morning doubles tennis matches were played by some, while others played a football game, which was very much enjoyed by the boys.

In the afternoon there was a baseball game between the Instructors and Boys. The Instructors won the game which was very close, the score being 13-12.

At five o'clock we went to the beach for a beach supper. We made fires and we were soon ready for the food.

After a fine supper and a fine time we returned to the house.

Orlando M. Murphy I

The Beginners' Band

The Beginners' Band has rehearsals every night at five. Our instructor writes out our exercises and we practice them before the rehearsals. There are twenty boys in the band, and eleven are new boys. We hope to learn to play well enough to become members of the Scoool Band.

I am learning to play cornet.

Russell G. Bartholomew II

Stockroom Work

I am Stockroom boy and I work there every morning. I report at the office after breakfast and get the keys and instructions for the day. Every department has requisition forms and these are given to me to fill. Usually I have some every day.

When this work is done I do odd jobs in the room, and keep it clean and neat at all times.

Edward N. Benedict IV

Helping Can Tomatoes

One morning I was told to help can tomatoes. I reported to the Instructor, and he and I, with several other boys went to the field and picked tomatoes. We then took them to the kitchen where they were prepared. We cut the tops off, and then steamed them. They were peeled and thoroughly cooked, after which they were sealed in gallon cans for winter use.

Hartley R. Kenvin IV

Getting Shavings

A day or two ago the Supervisor told me to report at the wharf and help get shavings. There were several other boys with me and we left on the Pilgrim III, taking the barge along. After arriving at City Point we began loading the shavings into the barge. There were about 55 bales. After loading we returned to the Island. The shavings, which are used as bedding in our cattle barn, were then carted to the barn and stored in the basement.

Roy M. Dole I

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, September 30, 1934

RESOURCES

Savings Bank	$929.67
Cash	151.76
	$1081.43

LIABILITIES

Boys' Deposits	$327.41
Trading Co. Deposits	384.77
Cottage Row Deposits	45.12
Photo Company Deposits	42.52
Surplus	281.61
	$1081.43

SeptemberMeteorology

Maximum Temperature 81° on the ninth. Minimum Temperature 52° on the second. Mean monthly temperature 65°.

Four clear days, ten partly cloudy, and sixteen cloudy.

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Appreciation

Too frequently in life do we fail to express our appreciation for the many material and thoughtful favors received. From the very inception of life we are blessed with an abundance of gifts, most of which we take too often for granted. Enumeration of these thousands of bits of human happiness would fill a volume.

Our School appreciates the many kind acts conferred upon it. Everything done and said for the School is a favor bestowed upon every boy of the School and our boys do sincerely appreciate those things.

Over a period of 120 continuous years men and women have given abundantly towards the support and maintenance of our School and hundreds of friends of the School have generously remembered us in their Wills. Because of this constant help we are enabled to continue to carry on—the gift in effect becomes infinite, the giver immortal in his benevolence.

One of our generous friends said, "What I spend for myself can benefit only one and during my own short life but what I give to the School benefits hundreds through eternal time." Words of appreciation can never be sufficent to express the good that man is doing.

A recent graduate of the School expresses his appreciation in a way which shows significance of this great work. "I am so used to the Island and the way things are done that I often wish that I were back but then it is just homesickness, I guess. The Island has certainly become a part of me and I guess it does to all who stick and graduate."

Topics in Brief

Labor Day was observed by a full holiday, devoted to sports and games which were followed by a beach supper in the evening. The first football game was staged during the morning, and the final baseball game of the season in the afternoon. The baseball game was won by the Instructors' team in the final of a splendid series of Boys vs. Instructors contests.

On September 13 we were treated to a splendid entertainment given by Malcom E. Cameron '19. The program consisted of magic feats and tricks, all presented with a touch of humor, and, with Mr. Cameron's personality, making an evening long to be remembered.

Many of the trees on our lawns have been pruned during this month.

The boys admitted to the School last July have been chosen as members of one of our two athletic clubs. The majority of them played regular scheduled games of baseball.

Our work this spring and summer in preventing the breeding of mosquitoes has proved most worth-while. We have had very few of these pests.

We are greatly indebted to the Union Club for its gift of furniture and rugs, which were received here during the month.

Some weeks ago we fenced in a part of North End, and are using it as a pasture ground for our cattle.

Our painters have been kept very busy. Much work has been accomplished in the interior of the Main Building and upon the boats and wharf.

Football has secured a strong interest, and the School team has been drilling throughout this month. It seems very possible that we shall have a schedule of outside contests this year, including such schools as Weymouth and Manning High School of Ipswich. A newly-formed Athletic Fund has undertaken the work of financing the team and various methods have been found to help raise funds. Graduates, students and friends of the school have displayed marked interest in this venture and have given financial assistance in a generous manner. The team promises to be light, but fast, and those interested in schoolboy athletics are of the opinion that we will be able to give good clean competition to town high schools, even though we have a smaller and younger group of boys. The first game will be with Weymouth High on the 13th of October.

An entertainment at which a small admission was charged, was held on September 20, the proceeds of which went to the Athletic Fund. Games of all kinds, singing and motion pictures gave us an evening of fun and entertainment.

The summer term of school ended on September 28. This is followed by a week of vacation. The fall term will begin on October 8.

Our field corn has been cut and harvested. We have a fine corn cutter and blower and the silage crop each year is ample for our needs. Enough corn is cut from day to day to feed the cattle, thus giving the silage in the silo a chance to settle.

The steamer float has been entirely rebuilt, and the buoyancy of thirteen large barrels will keep it sufficiently high out of the water. It is now in fine condition for the winter.

Calendar 50 Years Ago, Sept. 1884

As Kept by the Superintendent

1. Mr. Boutwell and Miss Booth came to see about teaching at eve.

2. Report for month. In school 97 boys. Discharged Wm. King. Carried 15 bu. onions to market. 2 painters here.

5. Visitors Day. Managers Lyman and George L. DeBlois present. Also Mr. Long, Master Rice and Mrs. Clark from Dorchester Industrial School. Mr. Partridge goes home to Maine to vote.

6. Mrs. M. R. T. Owler left for Linden, Mass. where she has a school. She has given full satisfaction here and is an accomplished and energetic teacher. Miss Nellie C. Booth succeeds her.

9. The Superintendent leaves for a vacation.

22. The Superintendent returns from his vacation to find all well.

23. To city and find many things to attend to.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, Sept. 1844

As Kept by the Superintendent

18. Benj. A. Gould and J. I. Bowditch, Esqrs., visited the institution. Joshua West commenced work as labourer on the farm. Isaac Jackson, who left the institution in May last, and went with his father to Philadelphia, soon returned and wished to be readmitted to the School. According to his own account he had been several weeks on his journey and left Philadelphia without his father's knowledge, He was permitted to remain until his father could be informed of his situation. John Edward Fader having gone to the hog house without permission fell into the potato boiler and scalded him badly. He was sent, by permission of Messrs. Gould and Bowditch to the Massachusetts General Hospital.

22. Mr. F. D. Stedman, the city missionary and Mr. Crosby of S. Boston visited the Island, the former of whom addressed the boys. Admitted Morris Mehon of Roxbury.

27. Hon. Theodore Lyman, Moses Grant, Benj. A. Gould, R. W. Bayley and Geo. Bemis, Esqrs. of the Board of Managers, John D. Williams, Esq, of Boston and many of the friends of the boys visited the institution— thus making the sixth trip of the steamer "Gen. Lincoln" to the Island this season.

The Jester's Comments

—Randy English, our new seaman, while inspecting the Pilgrim III made the somewhat illuminating remark that the light sockets on the boat were to let the smoke out.

—Jesse Mann's adventures as a champion, as related in last month's Beacon, have caused him some difficulties. In the horseshoe sport Jesse has had to take on challengers, among them the favorably known Professor Davis and that demon horseshoe tosser Hal DeLorie. Jesse still holds the championship.

—The renowned tenor, Harvey Davis, has invited Louie Bishop to practice some solos together. Just how two people are to sing a solo together is unknown, but we'll all go to their concert. Rehearsals are held secretly; the vocalists want some attendance at their performance.

—A kitchen pirate, albeit a young one, walked into our refrigerator room, and feeling hungry quickly snatched a frankfort and hastily put same in his pocket. He then sauntered easily through the kitchen little suspecting the trail he was leaving. Wild ejaculations from the kitchen Instructors brought him to a quick halt. He had not known that frankfurts were hitched together and, in turning around he saw a mile of frankfurts, more or less, following him.

Football

We had a very good baseball season, but as soon as Labor Day came we wanted to play football. Our Supervisor got us an old ball and we organized two teams. Although it was very early in the season we enjoyed playing.

On the next day our Coach had drill for the school team. Since then the squad has been having workouts each day, and the team is well organized. There are 35 boys on the squad.

Much new equipment has been purchased by the school, and by the use of the Athletic Fund. The gridiron has been marked off, and the goalposts erected.

The scheduled games begin on October 6, and the school team games begin on October 13. William C. Parsons II

My Best School Subject

Last year I liked Geography better than any other subject. We had a large class of 38 pupils, and my mark for the year was 85, the 3rd highest mark in the class. The last test was a hard one. We were told to write the names of the forty eight states, and give their capitols.

George F. Connors VI

The Most Popular Song

At our Sunday Evening Service our minister, Mr. Banta asked the boys to choose a hymn. The selected piece was "The Old Rugged Cross". Mr. Banta was very much pleased with this choice. He said that it was the most popular song in the world. The composer, Mr. George Bernard, is a personal friend of our minister. We were glad to know of the world's most popular song.

Lionel Willey VI

Ratting

Many of the boys like to catch rats. This is a special privilege given usually to boys in three upper classes, and in the first grade. There are eight ratters in all, and they are organized in pairs. We have a good dog who helps us catch them. In the summer most of the rats are caught in the fields and along the banks. When it becomes fall the rats come to the building, and we set traps for them. For each rat caught we are paid two cents, and it is a good way to earn money.

David F. Hills II

Our Church Services

Each year we have Church every Sunday. During the summer we have but one service, an evening song service. When the fall term of school starts a minister comes each week-end. and leads all the services. We have Sunday School in the morning, Church in the afternoon, and song service at night. Our first afternoon service was on September thirtieth. Mr. Banta, our minister told of being a pioneer in life, and to be sure to be fully prepared.

Clayton B. Graffam VI

My New Game

I have a new game called "Eddie Cantor". A large board is marked off in squares and each player moves so many squares. Every so often he is penalized or given extra squares. The nearer the end of the game you get, the harder it is to advance and the penalties are heavier. It is a good game.

George E. Gameson VI

A Beach Walk

Last Sunday our minister took us for a walk around the beach. We saw many boats of all kinds. It rained in the morning, and the day was not good, still there were many pleasure boats in the harbor. We walked all around the Island, making it in two different trips.

William B. Pratt VI

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SAMUEL J. SIMMONS, '51, died June 22, 1934, at his home, 55 Alban Road, Newton, Mass., at the age of 92. The services were held at the Chapel of the Union Cemetery, Scituate, Massachusetts.

Mr. Simmons was, as far as is known, the last survivor of the Grand Army in the Alumni. He began his military career as a member of the 15th Regiment, Mass. Volunteer Infantry. He enlisted on July 1, 1861 and was mustered into service on July 12, 1861. He served for three years, getting his discharge on July 28, 1864.

After his first battle at Balls Bluff he received his first promotion, and after the battle of Antietam he was further promoted being given the rank of Corporal-Sergeant. During this battle the 15th regiment lost more killed and mortally wounded than any other regiment on the field. He was wounded while leading his company against Pickett's charge on July 3. This took place during the battle of Gettysburg, and following this occasion he was made 1st Sergeant.

He commanded his company at Bristoe Station and Wilderness. Later, at, Spottsylvania, while leading his men at the Blody Angle, he was wounded again, losing part of his left hand.

From 1861 until May 12, 1864 Mr. Simmons served in all the battles of the Army of the Potomac. He was never sick, nor off duty, except when wounded.

GORDON N. MACINTYRE, '08 who has been a member of the Reading Police Department for some years, is at present enjoying his annual vacation. His home address is 50 Woburn Street, Reading.

CHARLES B. LINSCOTT, '78, paid his first visit to the school in over fifty years, when he came with the Alumni on Field Day. He took up railroading in 1884 and for a number of years was employed in the Middle West. He later worked for the Boston and Maine Railroad. In 1896 he left and joined the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, where he worked until 1932, when he was retired on a pension.

Mr. Linscott is a member of the Railway Conductors, Past Chancellor of the Somerville Lodge, No. 11, Knights of Pythias, and Abou Ben Adhem Temple. He lives at 77 Draper Avenue, Mansfield, Massachusetts.

CHIEF HENRY A. FOX, '79, of the Boston Fire Department was married on August 18th to Mrs. Agnes C. Fisher at Derry, N. H. Chief Fox, one of the most popular members of the fire department, kept his marriage secret for some weeks, and the news was divulged after the couple were settled in the Chief's home at 1945 Commonwealth Avenue.

Miss Mary A. Winslow, a former teacher, was recently visited by MERTON P. ELLIS, '97, and ALFRD C. MALM, '00, with their wives, at her home, 16 Harvard Road, Shirley, Mass. Miss Winslow, now Mrs. Thomas Hazen, is pleasantly situated, enjoying good health, and wishes to be remembered to her boys.

FRED P. THAYER, '04, a member of the Boston Globe composing room staff, visited the school on September 28.

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LeRoy S. Kenfield, '82

LeRoy S. Kenfield, '82, nationally famous musician, died at his home, 106 Fletcher Street, Roslindale, on October 5, at the age of sixty-four.

Mr. Kenfield's musical career commenced at this School, and at a time when a score of our boys considered music as a profession. These F. T. S. boys banded together after leaving the Island and became the leaders in their field, and which leadership has not, even fifty years later, been relinquished.

LeRoy S. Kenfield

Mr. Kenfield was not long in establishing himself after having graduated from this school. In a short span of years he had become a trombonist of the first rank, and played with the Boston Theatre Orchestra, a place ordinarily given to men of greater experience. His other early musical connections were with Baldwin's Cadet Band, Emma Juch Opera Company, The Boston Ideals and other organizations.

It is said, and probably with real truth, that no musician can rise above a position with the Boston Symphony Orchestra. Mr. Kenfield was bass trombonist with this orchestra for thirty-four years, and was to begin his thirty-fifth year the day following his death. To attain and hold the highest position his art could offer is without doubt as great a testimonial to his artistry and character as can possibly be given.

He was held in high esteem by musicians throughout the country. With his association with this great symphony orchestra he performed under the great conductors of the world, and made for himself a background of experience and ability which few can attain. As a Symphony trombonist few could equal him.

The New York Times mentions him as a Teacher of Music at the New England Conservatory and at Boston University. With his rich training in instrumental music of all kinds he was eminently qualified to teach at these famous institutions. Still, it was with private pupils that he enjoyed most happily the teaching of his art, and, of which, in his younger days, he was especially adept. He was widely known also as a director of young peoples' bands.

Although known principally as a trombonist, it must be remembered that Mr. Kenfield was an artist on the Baritone, which instrument he was continually called to play for concert band performances. Indeed, one of the most widely used works for this instrument was edited by him, and such has been the demand for the work that it has recently appeared in a new and revised edition.

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Baseball Shield and Cups

The baseball series was won by Club B, and was a hard fought schedule, each team having a good chance to win the Shield. Each club had three teams, and two games were played Saturdays, and the schedule was completed with games after supper.

The Shield is given the championship team each year by Manager S. V. R. Crosby, and the best player in each position is given an athletic trophy as a souvenir of the season.

Those on the Shield team were:-

Lewis C. Goodwin, pitcher, Captain
Elvin C. Bean, catcher
John A. Bailey, 1st base
Raymond M. Bean, 2nd base
Raymond L. Beck, 3rd base
Reginald A. Burlingame, Short stop
William C. Parsons, left field
Franklin M. Pierce, center field
Richard S. Kimball, right field
Raymond A. Hadfield, substitute

The best players in each position who received the trophies, and the club they played for, were:-

Elvin C. Bean, catcher, Club B
Harold B. DeLorie, pitcher, Club A
Roy M. Dole, 1st base, Club A
Ramond M. Bean, 2nd base, Club B
Raymond L. Beck, 3rd base, Club B
Reginald A. Burlingame, short stop, Club B
Edwin C. Willey, left field, Club A
Franklin Pierce, center field, Club B
Francis McAuliffe, right field, Club A
James Ritchie, sub. catcher, Club A
Lewis Goodwin, sub. pitcher, Club B

We are very grateful to Mr. Crosby for providing us with the shield and trophies.

Harold B. DeLorie I

My First Beach Walk

On Sunday, October 14, 1934, our minister, Mr. Banta, took a group of us boys for a walk around South End. As this was the first time I had seen this part of the Island I was very much interested in it. Mr. Banta made the trip very interesting also, because he told us stories of all kinds, and we returned to the Main Building altogether too soon.

Later, in the afternoon, we took another walk. This time we went around North End. This walk proved equally interesting.

Myles Standish II

My Ambition

I am a new boy at this School, and the one thing I would like to accomplish is to cease being lazy. It seems that I will realize my ambition, because I don't have time to think of being lazy. I think that I shall learn to be a good workman in many ways.

Norman H. Chausse II

Repairing a Water Tank

The water tanks that are situated in one of the rooms on the top floor of the north wing of the Main Building were recently reported to have been leaking. I was sent to investigate the leak and made a report to the office. Then I got some hose and siphoned the tank until it was dry. A plumber was engaged, and after inspecting the tank, returned to the city where he sent another man with necessary equipment. A new valve was put on, and the seams were given a coating of heavy red lead. Then the entire surface was coated with a lighter red lead followed with a coating of shellac. The tank is now in fine condition.

David R. Harris II

Moving Pictures

On October 11 we were glad to hear Mr. Meacham say that there would be a moving picture show that evening.

There were six reels of pictures, one being a study on nature for the first half, while the last half was a cartoon about a boy with an automobile.

The big picture was "Red Raiders" and featured Ken Maynard. The scene was laid in the West, and was a battle all the way between the Indians and the Settlers. Many exciting scenes were pictured. Both the Indians and Settlers thought they were right, and the picture ended with the President proclaiming an Indian Reservation for the Indians, and permitting the white men to proceed on their way unmolested.

Warren F. Morse II

About Music

When a boy comes to F. T. S. he has a desire to learn to play one of the many musical instruments we have, and to play one well enough to get into the Band.

The Beginners' Band, which is organized every fall, gives him an opportunity to begin. He chooses whatever instrument appeals to him the most, and by the daily lessons is able to make progress. After several months in this group he is ready to play the less-difficult parts in the Band, and he gets promoted.

Our regular band has nearly forty members now, and is preparing for the regular fall concert which will be held at the close of this month.

John A. Bailey II

The Jester's Comments

—Ye Jester hesitates to mix items in this column with the literary works on the other pages. Still the article by Johnny Chausse, in which he desires to overcome the habit of laziness, but can't find time to be lazy is worthy of special attention. Especially when the following item is noted, which is essentially his thoughts:–

"There is a pest on this Island who must be exterminated. I mean the bugler. After a comfortable sleep, to hear him blow that horn (does he ever practice, or learn the right tune?):- puts me in an awful state. To think I must leave my bed of comfort because of him. He startles me. I put my shoes on the wrong feet, put my pants on backwards, and keep right on sleeping as I am getting dressed. Ah, to exterminate such a pest as that wind-jammer would be my keen desire."

Well, Johnny, maybe you'll overcome that terrific habit of being lazy. Maybe.

—There are embarrassing moments in every life. To all but the principal party they are often very funny. For instance Bill DeLorie, while into a store at City Point said he wished he had three french fries. Imagine his disconcertedness when the waitress brought in three large boxes of french fried potatoes. He finally realized he was expected to buy them, and having not enough loose change looked longingly at the exit and bolted for it. Finally Bill was called back, and found that the three boxes were already purchased and paid for, and then someone made everything right by making him a present of one of them.

—The football field at Weymouth was in such a muddy state that various phrases came into use, some of which were:–

"Quit making mud pies and put on the skid chains."

"Bring on the mud scow."

"Ahoy! Throw me a life belt."

"Next stop? Weymouth goal post landing."

"Where's the steamer?"

"Four wheels, no brakes."

"Heave Ho, Boys, Let's go."

"Duck's Soap, Hey?"

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Your Child and Mine

Society is a complicated, intricate organization with the maze of problems proportionate in quantity and degree to the population. The education and development of our young presents one of the big sets of problems.

Vast libraries are available on the subject of proper education for our children. Every psychologist, every teacher and every parent—yes, even almost every person—knows how children should be educated and reared and yet we do not agree on the subject. And if perchance we do agree on certain phases of education today, tomorrow's changes bring about an alteration in our views.

As a matter of fact most careful psychology, education and parental authorities will preface his remarks by, "In general the average child....." Then he will later carefully explain that there is no *general* situation and no *average* child.

Educationally the perfect class consists of one pupil, but even this becomes imperfect by the very imperfections of the pupil and the teacher. Since every child differs from every other child, even within a family, there can be no general method applicable to all, neither is there any such child as the average child.

There is no such thing as a *case* in work with human beings. Each boy and girl is an individual different and distinct, with his own individuality, and should be treated as such. The much overworked word *case*, as it pertains to children and other members of the human race, should be stricken from the records and vocabulary of every organization. If a physician wishes to use the word *case* to signify the disease of measles which a child may have we will not argue the point but you and I are individuals and not *cases* and your child is not a *case*, neither is mine.

One hundred twenty years of successful achievement by our school indicate that the policies of the school are substantial and approach perfection. The school fulfills a real need, otherwise it could not exist. All available funds are used exclusively for the living and education of our boys. Consequently there is no other school offering such a broad education and practical training to boys at such a low cost to the parents.

Topics in Brief

The first week of this month was given over to vacation activities, the summer term of school having closed on September 28. The week was devoted principally to the usual fall sports, with the emphasis on football. The weather was ideal and the boys made the most of the opportunity to enjoy the vacation to the utmost.

The fall term of school began on October 8, and with it the regular classes in Agriculture. There have been two changes in the staff of teachers, because of the resignation of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Park. Mr. Robert A. Girardin, who succeeded Mrs. Park as teacher of the upper grades is a graduate of the Keene Normal School. Mr. Warren W. Fabyan, who succeeds Mr. Park is a graduate of Massachusetts State College.

Our regular religious services have begun, and are in charge of Mr. F. Dean Banta, a Senior at Gordon College.

The Boston Herald of October 23, contained a splendid picture of our football squad. This paper has been most kind and helpful to our football team, and we are indebted to Mr. Will Cloney, who handles the scholastic athletic news for that journal.

Football season has arrived, and with it of course, comes much enthusiasm from the boys. The club games have started and Club B has won the first two games.

The school team has played one game, losing to Weymouth High School 13-0. This latter game was postponed twice, and finally played on a wet muddy field, in a downpour of rain. We have a light, fast team which depends chiefly on a deceptive passing attack, which, of course, was not possible in the rain. However, the game was well played and very much worth-while. The good sportsmanship evident on both teams will be remembered long after the score has been forgotten.

Several of the boys have had an opportunity to attend theatres in town during the month.

Cottage Row Government held its regular election during the month. John R. Macdonald was elected Mayor, and Roy M. Dole Treasurer. A Board of five aldermen was also elected. The officials appointed by the Mayor have been selected and the entire staff of officials have been sworn into office.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, October 31, 1934

RESOURCES

Savings Bank	$929.67
Cash	126.40
	$1056.07

Boys' Deposits	$272.81
Trading Co. Deposits	400.35
Cottage Row Deposits	40.12
Photo Company Deposits	74.18
Surplus	268.61
	$1056.07

Calendar 50 Years Ago, October 1884

As Kept by the Superintendent

7. "Visiting Day." Managers Lyman, S. G. and G. L. DeBlois, Grew and Storer were present. Monthly meeting held here No. of boys 101. Admitted Wm. and Walter Smeaton, Wm. I. Peabody, and Herbert Stillings. Mr. Chapman went home for vacation.

10. A lovely day. This P. M. seventy five girls from the Blind Asylum accompanied by their teachers and attendants visited our school under the direction of Mr. S. G. DeBlois. The company were photographed by Horace Latimar. It was a happy afternoon for all. Messrs. Richards and Whitney, owners of the yachts "Jeff" and "Athlete" very generously assisted us in transporting the company over and back. Miss Booth went to Natick this P. M.

21. The last "Visitor's Day" for this season. The "Gen. Lincoln" came at 10:15 and took us down the harbor for an hour's sail. Pres. Lyman and Managers Alfred Bowditch, Eloit, Grew, and Parker present. A most enjoyable day and closes up the season very pleasantly.

22. Got ready to take our boys to the Mechanics Fair but the wind was so fierce from S. W. that we were forced to abandon it for today.

25. The plumber came to put new pipe to cistern in front of house through cellar to force pump, and also to put in new "Monitor" Force Pump.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, Oct. 1844

As Kept by the Superintendent

7. John Walker left to live with Mr. Theodore Lilley, a shoemaker of North Bridgewater who was himself formerly a pupil at the Boston Male Asylum and from that institution was bound out to a trade.

8. Albert W. Hyde and Daniel Divine left and returned to their friends. Rufus C. Willard visited his grandmother in the city. Admitted Charles G. Russell of Boston.

11. Admitted George Ingram, Jr. born in Boston.

22. Admitted Edward E. Souther of Boston. Mr. Brooks took the measure of the boys for winter clothes.

23. Mr. Armstrong cut the boys' hair.

25. Moses Grant and R. W. Bayley, Esqrs., of the Board of Managers and a considerable number of friends of the boys visited the Island in the steamer Gen. Lincoln, making the 7th trip this season. Admitted Robert H. Sharp born in Ohio, June 8, 1836. John Holohan and Dennis Mahoney were discharged and returned to their friends in the city.

October Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 70° on the eighteenth.

Minimum Temperature 33° on the thirteenth.

Mean Temperature for the month 51°.

Eleven clear days, nine partly cloudy, and eleven cloudy.

My Work

When I came here a few weeks ago I was told to report at the farm each morning. The work is not too hard, and is good for one. We are harvesting most of the time now and the best crop is onions. The cabbages have been cut and stored in the root cellar, as have been the squash and pumpkins. **Ralph Talbot II**

Hallowe'en, which has become one of our most enjoyable annual occasions, was observed by a gala party. The parade of costumes was unusually fine. A splendid entertainment by the boys, the "ghost walk", various stunts and games, together with plenty of "eats" gave all a happy time.

Hallowe'en

Hallowe'en was celebrated in real style at our School. The various parts of the program were planned and rehearsed for several days, and everything was nicely done.

The fun was started by a ghost walk, which was in charge of the Senior Class. The boys started by the Old Elm and paraded down by the orchard and through the barns, then back to the house. Along the route were many surprises, pleasant to the Seniors. It was a good walk, and we enjoyed it.

Following the ghost walk we then went to the gymnasium. The decorating committee had dressed the hall very prettily. After everyone had become settled the costume parade began. After the parade had passed around the hall three times we voted as to who had the best costume. This was very difficult, as there were so many, and they were all good. Finally there were three first prizes given, and three second prizes.

After the costume parade an entertainment was given. This consisted of poems and skits, and a short play by the members of the Senior Class.

Following the entertainment everyone was given a strip of tickets which entitled them to join in any of the games and stunts. and have refreshments as they desired. Until eleven o'clock there was fun and frolic for all, consisting of such games as Joust, Change Your Army, Dodge Ball, and King Guard. Stunts consisted of bobbing for apples, ducking for marshmallows, rolling a peanut with one's nose, and others. The refreshment booths were busy dispensing cider, apples, pie, doughnuts, and other good things to eat.

We had a fine time, and wish to thank all those who made it possible.

Russell G. Bartholomew II

Boiler Inspection

Our boiler is inspected twice a year, once internally and once externally.

Last April we had the external inspection. The inspector went over the shell, safety valve, blow-off valve, gauge cocks and the water column.

On October 3 the fire was hauled from the big boiler, and the small one started. It was left to cool, and the next morning we began work. We scraped the shell, the top row of tubes, and the front and rear heads. We had to go in the front manhole so as to scrape the bottom of the shell, which is a very necessary job. Next we cleaned out the combustion chamber.

The flue was cleaned out and inspected and then repairs were made where they were needed.

A new fusible plug was put in the rear head of the boiler.

We were now ready for the Inspector, and when he came he examined the lower part of the shell first. A feed line was ordered renewed, which was done. He then went over the boiler very carefully, but could find nothing wrong.

Shortly after the inspection we had put on the manhole plates, filled the boiler with a sufficient quantity of water, and began a slow fire.

Boiler inspection gives us a chance to go through the process of shutting down a boiler, giving it a thorough inspection, and starting it up again.

Everett A. Smith I

Our Flower Plants

One day after school I was told to go the Court and wash the large pots and saucers that hold our plants. As the weather is growing colder the plants are being moved from the court to the Assembly Hall, where they will remain until next spring.

Raymond L. Beck II

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He was a frequent visitor at the School and maintained a deep interest in the many phases of its curriculum. He never lost his interest in the boys, and was one of the first to provide for their happiness. Even while en route with the Symphony he would always be certain that his contribution to the Alumni would be received in time for the boys' Christmas party, his gifts coming from cities many miles away. He made friends quickly with the boys, and all F. T. S. boys were proud indeed to count him as a friend.

He is survived by Mrs. Kenfield, and two daughters, Misses Sylvia and Elizabeth Kenfield.

The funeral services were held at the Roslindale Congregational Church on October 8, conducted by the Rev. Alfred J. Barnard, pastor of the Church. Headed by Serge Koussevitzky, the Director, all members of the Boston Symphony Orchestra were present. From the members of the orchestra was chosen a string quartet and a brass ensemble which gave fitting tribute to their fellow player. Members of the Symphony officiated as pall bearers, and the body was taken to Belchertown, where it was buried in the family lot. A large number attended the services, and the School was represented by many managers and Alumni, including Superintendent William M. Meacham, Manager Alden B. Hefler, '87, and Secretary Merton P. Ellis '97, of the Alumni Association.

Other graduates present included:
Ciifton E, Albee, '23
William Alcott, '84
Will F. Davis, '79
James F. Dutton, '82
Howard B. Ellis, '99
Henry A. Fox, '79
James H. Graham, '79
Alfred C. Malm, '00
Norman F. Morse, '85
Frederick W. Pearson, '78

Kind, genial, possessed of a rich sense of humor, master of his art, and a true gentleman, was LeRoy S. Kenfield. He leaves a rich heritage, and his death will continually prove an irreparable loss to his multitude of friends. C. E. A.

ALLAN B. SCOTT, '30 is employed on a large poultry farm, where he is filling a position of considerable responsibility with success.

ROBERT W. MITCHELL '32, is working in the pressroom of the Norwood Messenger. The paper, although large, is small enough so that he can work into various phases of newspaper routine. He likes his work, and is doing well. His home is at 132 Forest Street, Winchester, Massachusetts.

RAYMOND THOMAS, '26, and JOHN A. PALEY, '29, while on a camping trip through several states, called on RAYMOND H. MCQUESTEN, '25 in New York City. This graduate has built a splendid business by his art creations, which are used by many types of advertisers, including large department stores and steamship lines. We hope to have more information about him in an early issue.

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Football Number

Football Squad 1934

Rear row, left to right, Coach Raymond Thomas, William C. Burns, Harold F. Bent, David R. Harris, Russell G. Jones, Orlando M. Murphy, William C. Parsons; centre row, left to right, Edwin C. Willey, Edward E. Andrew, Harvey H. Davis, Elvin C. Bean Captain, Lewis C. Goodwin, Walter A. Bishop, John A. Bailey, Roy M. Dole; front row, left to right, Reginald A. Burlingame, David F. Hills, William D. DeLorie, Harold B. DeLorie, James T. Ritchie.

Football

The game of football, as it is played today requires much speed, skill and clear-thinking. Those who characterize it as "rough" or "dirty" had best come in close contact with the game and they would soon catch its real spirit.

Football develops the mind tremendously. In fact, the will to win is governed by the ability of the player to develop his mind so that he knows what he wants to do, and when he wants to do it.

Football games are not won by force. A strong, heavy team must be trained to execute plays with dexterity and strategy. In a similar manner a light team cannot hope to compete against a heavy opponent unless it is well-drilled in a few strategic plays which emphasize its strong points.

Football, played correctly, is a good body builder. It gives exercise to nearly every muscle of the body.

The train of thought is quickened by the playing of football to a great extent. The playing of the game exacts a strong sense of honesty and fair play. Indeed, these two qualities are essential in any sport, as well as in our personal life.

Walter A. Bishop I

Changes in Rules

There have been a few changes in the rules during the past few years, which have been designed to make the game safer. The flying tackle, the flying block and the flying wedge are types of plays that are no longer legal, as they were apt to cause injuries.

The game has been made faster by less stringent forward pass rules. For one thing, the ball is smaller making it easier to handle. Incomplete forward passes in succession are no longer subject to penalty.

Reginald A. Burlingame I

How Football Originated

The game of football originated in the British Isles in schools, where it was a favorite game. Although each school adopted its own rules the four standard ones were:

1. No player may take the ball from the ground.
2. Should he catch the ball he may have a free kick.
3. While doing this should he drop the ball so that it touches the ground, the other team may attack.
4. If the ball goes out of bounds by the goal posts the defending player may fetch it and throw it gently to the middle of the field, without favor for either team.

The idea was to kick the ball through the goal posts, and a guard was stationed at each goal to see that this didn't happen.

Edward E. Andrew I

The Manning High Game

Manning High School of Ipswich wrote our coach and asked if we would like to play their team. We agreed and the arrangements were made. We practiced hard and as often as possible and were in good condition for the game, which was played at Ipswich on November 3.

Our squad consisted of 22 players, and we were ready to play shortly after half past two. After the kickoff we realized that Manning had a strong, powerful team, and we tried desperately to hold them. Nevertheless they scored two touchdowns in both the first and second periods. During the last quarter one of our pass plays resulted in a touchdown. The final score was Manning 39, F. T. S. 7.

Although outweighed and outplayed we fought gamely to the last whistle, and, regardless of the score, we enjoyed the game and had a fine trip.

Harold B. DeLorie I

Forgotten Linesmen

There was a time when the backfield men were given all the praise, but today a good line is regarded as necessary, for without one a backfield can do nothing. Frequently star players are linesmen. The center must be a good passer on offense, and on defense must help break up opponents' plays. Guards must be fast and good blockers. The tackles must be rangy, and able to block well on offense and tackle on defense. The ends must be able to block punts, hurry the passer, make the tackles and do a generally good defensive job, while on the offense they must be able to help on off-tackle plays as well as catch passes and many other duties.

Ernest F. Peterson II

The Harvard–Yale Game

The most interesting game, perhaps of our football season is the annual Harvard–Yale game which is played on Thanksgiving Day. The players are the best in the School, and practice for the game begins about two weeks before the holiday, so that both teams are in good condition.

As soon as the game began it was adparent that Harvard would have to work hard to hold Yale. As the game progressed Yale showed increasing strength. The final score was Yale 19, Harvard 0.

John R. Macdonald I

Common Penalties

A fine football game would be impossible without strict penalties. The most common of these are illegal use of the hands, being in motion when the ball is snapped, being offside, pushing or helping the ball carrier, and throwing forward passes when not five yards behind the scrimmage line. There are penalties for unsportsmanlike conduct which aren't inflicted very often, as football teaches above all, the meaning of true sportsmanship.

Harvey H. Davis I

Our Club Games

This year our club games have been much harder fought than in previous years. In strength, ability and results the clubs were well-matched.

The first game was a hard contest for either team to lose, and the final score was 13 to 7 in favor of Club B. During the second game Club A was without two regular players and Club B won easily 26-0. Club B won the third game 12-0, and had to work hard to defeat a very stubborn opponent. The fourth and decisive game resulted in another victory for Club B. Club A had a lead at the half but was unable to hold it, Club B winning by the score of 16-7.

Lewis C. Goodwin II

Football Officials

In a football game four officials are needed to manage the contest. The referee is in charge of the game and as such has the final word in all matters not covered specifically by the rules. He stands behind the offensive team. The umpire stands behind the defensive team and is responsible for the players having legal equipment and their conduct and he must also be sure that all substitutions are legal. The linesman is responsible for all offside penalties and it is his first duty to mark the progress of the ball. He is also expected to watch for tripping of players after kicks and passes. He has two assistants. The field judge has jurisdiction over the timing of the contest and is also expected to assist the referee on decisions involving possession of the ball.

Harold F. Bent I

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A Real Tribute

Dear Mr. Meacham:

I am enclosing a letter which I have received from the umpire of one of our recent football games. Since the game was played away, the umpire engaged by the opposing team, and these remarks volunteered, I feel that this letter should be kept in our school files.

Sincerely yours,
ARTHUR ADAMS, President

(Note: Part of the letter referred to above is here quoted.)

"I am a great booster of sports properly conducted for our youth and both your coach and your boys had impressed me deeply. One little sidelight was when one of the boys quietly said to me 'Mister Umpire, will you kindly request the opponents to refrain from swearing?' So much for that game.

Inasmuch as we hear so many things detrimental to our youth in these trying times, things better left unsaid and unpublicized, it is with a great deal of pleasure that I take this opportunity to congratulate you on your work, your school, your coach, and your boys. In all my twelve years of officiating, I have never worked with a group which displayed the cleanliness, sportsmanship, and fair play which your boys displayed. May all your boys dig in and show their appreciation of your endeavors by going forth into the world and making their marks in uplifting what seems like a troubled turmoil to the level where we would all like to see it."

The following verse is especially fine and is applicable not only to athletics, but to any human endeavor.

"Give to the world the best you have,
And the world will give it back to you."

Topics in Brief

Thanksgiving Season was observed in a very fine manner. On the Sunday previous to the holiday we had a splendid Thanksgiving Service, in charge of our minister, Mr. F. Dean Banta. On the holiday our usual Thanksgiving Dinner was truly a feast. Football games took most of the boys' time, and most of them participated.

Armistice Day was observed as a holiday and favorable weather gave the boys the opportunity to enjoy it to the utmost.

We are very grateful to Mrs. L. S. Kenfield for her gift of musical instruments and accessories, and for books and music for our library. Mr. Kenfield was proud of his Island School and he repeatedly stated he would like the boys to have some of his things, and following his death Mrs. Kenfield asked us to select what we wished. We received much which will be of great assistance in our work.

The work of our school was told by Superintendent Meacham before the Mt. Vernon Chapter of Masons at the Masonic Temple, 171 Warren St., W. Roxbury on November 15. The Brass Quartet played a concert for the group. The meeting was arranged by Mr. Frank Hendry, who is a member of that Masonic body and manager of the American Engraving Co. Frank L. Washburn '83 was present at the meeting.

Our hydrant houses have been repaired and erected for winter.

The Smoker

Every year we have what is called a "smoker" which takes place on the night before Thanksgiving.

At this time everyone assembles to hear the members of the Harvard and Yale teams, which are to play the next day. The purpose is to work up enthusiasm for one of the two teams. The players each speak for a minute or two. After the talks have been concluded the boys are asked to select the team of their choice, and those who wish to cheer for Harvard and those who wish to cheer for Yale group together. Cheerleaders are appointed and the two groups learn cheers for the next day during the game.

Albert G. Richardson II

In Appreciation

During the past football season it has been my privilege to act as captain of our school team. I wish to take this opportunity to thank the players for the way they have cooperated. Though we have been outclassed the team spirit has never faltered.

On behalf of the team I wish to thank coach Raymond Thomas for the great amount of time and effort which he has expended to organize and drill the team.

Elvin C. Bean II

Our Best Plays

As the football squad of 1934 was not heavy we based most of our hopes on passes. We practiced for several weeks perfecting several pass plays. When we played Weymouth these plays did not work, because of the wet weather. The plays that we used most were running pass plays which worked fine when everyone did his part. These running pass plays were considered the best plays that we used.

William C. Parsons II

Calendar 90 Years Ago, November 1844

As Kept by the Superintendent

3. The religious services were conducted by Geo. Bemis, Esq , of Boston. Abner L. Gray had permission to visit his friends yesterday.

15. Admitted John Foley of Boston. Moses Grant and Geo. H. Kuhn, Esqurs., made a visit to the School. The steamboat touched at the Island and left some meal, flour, apples, etc.

20. Mr. Franklin Keith with Mr. Marcus Copeland of N. Bridgewater called at the Island for the purpose of taking a boy from the school as an apprentice.

22. Howard M. Trumbull of Boston was admitted.

23. John C. Kells, carpenter, who had been employed in making repairs about the buildings and fences, left.

28. This being a day set apart for the annual Thanksgiving appropriate religious services were read by the Superintendent after which the boys were permitted to amuse themselves during the day.

30. The remains of John Edw. Fader brought to Island.

Calendar 50 Years Ago, November 1884

As Kept by the Superintendent

10. To Maplewood to see Chas. McCullen who returned from Barnum's Band very much reduced. Found him sick and weak at his aunts.

13. Went with Mr. Chas. Chapman, Joseph Colson, and Frederick Lieber to Squantum and quarried some rocks on the hill to keep in force our rights to take stone from Squantum for use on our Island.

24. Last night we had a perfect gale from southwest. Today went to city for poultry for Thanksgiving. Bought 120 odd lbs. at $.20 per lb.

29. Went for four bbl. salt, beef, etc. and when I came to our moorings got wheel caught in moorings and had a hard wet bad time to get it clear. Was obliged to carry out an anchor then cut mooring line and let the steamer swing around. Ours is a terribly bad shore with winds westerly and only those who have experience here know how sadly we need a longer wharf.

30. Mr. S. G. DeBlois came today. In the P. M. he talked to the boys of Dea. Moses Grant for many years Vice Pres. of this school, of Mr. Wm. B. Storer, manager, and Robt. Morrison, M. D. for 16 years Sup't here. His remarks were very interesting and touching.

November Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 70° on the fifth.

Minimum Temperature 29° on the fifteenth.

Mean Temperature for the month 47°.

Six clear days, ten partly cloudy, and fourteen cloudy

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, November 30, 1934

RESOURCES

Savings Bank	$929.67
Cash	132.87
	$1062.54

Boys' Deposits	$276.62
Trading Co. Deposits	405.03
Cottage Row Deposits . . .	42.07
Photo Company Deposits . .	70.21
Surplus	268.61
	$1062.54

"Football is a builder of all fine qualities of character and a good player can be depended to 'carry on' these qualities into his later life." —Selected

Thanksgiving Day

We celebrated Thanksgiving Day in a very fine way. In the morning the smaller boys played a football game. The teams were called Army and Navy, and the game was well played, Navy winning 16-0.

About twelve o'clock the big event began. We passed to the Dining Room, where a feast was awaiting us. We said Grace, and the Mayor of Cottage Row read his Proclamation. We then began our dinner, the menu of which was—

Celery
Roast Stuffed Turkey
Giblet Gravy
Mashed White Potato
Marrow Squash Cranberry Sauce
Bread and Butter
Plum Pudding with Hard Sauce
Mince Pie Candy Pumpkin Pie
Fruit Cider Nuts

In the afternoon the older boys had their football game. The teams had been chosen and well-drilled for some time before the game and everyone was interested in the game. The teams, Harvard and Yale took the field, and before the first quarter was over Yale had scored two touchdowns. Harvard then got to work, and during the remainder of the game held Yale to a lone touchdown.

The final score was 19-0 in favor of Yale.

We had a fine time and wish to thank all those who made it possible.

Warren F. Morse II

Thanksgiving

At this time of year the boys think of things of which they are thankful. We have much to be thankful for. Some are thankful that they have a father and mother. Others are thankful that they are in such a fine school. We are thankful for our food, and for the work the Faculty has done for us. We are thankful for the good clothes that we have. We are thankful for the many things our friends do for us. We surely have much to be thankful for.

John P. Davis II

Our Football Game

Nearly every Saturday the smaller boys have a football game and have the larger boys tell us what to do. The team I'm on most always loses, but we have the fun of playing. We lost the last game 24-18. The reason we lose is because our line doesn't hold out long enough.

B. Clayton Graffam VI

The Jester's Comments

—Professor Davis teaches the art ot engineering to anyone who will listen. The Professor has acquired a list of questions, with long technical answers, but his patience is about exhausted. Can't blame him much, though. When a query about steam brings forth the reply "Steam is hot water gone crazy with the heat" any professor might be expected to become a trifle excitable.

—"The ice is freezing!" A most original statement by Varsity Beck, made in the schoolroom not long ago. Being a seaman, he has an opportunity to study at close range such phenomenon.

—Ernest Peterson has recently learned how to take care of the hens. "Roughouse" the boys call him. In fact, Bertha Bent says Pete handles the hens so hard that they lay cracked eggs. This doesn't bother Pete one whit. He readily goes into pantomime to illustrate his methods, anytime, anyplace and for anyone.

— Some boys may be less ambitious than others, but the prize goes to the lad on the football squad who, when doing the "bicycle exercise" remained perfectly still. The coach questioned him and the gridster replied, "Its O. K., Coach, I'm coasting."

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At the regular November business meeting FREDERICK W. PEARSON, '78 was elected President, and HOWARD B. ELLIS '99, Vice-President. The other officers have been re-elected.

GEORGE A. GERARD '86, visited the School several times during the summer season and made several striking photographs. Many unusual demands are made upon him for pictorial work. During the Governorship of Alvan T. Fuller Mr. Gerard was asked to make Christmas Cards for the Governor. The cards depicted the State House and elicited much fine praise from the Governor and others high in public office.

NORMAN F. MORSE '85 took a important part in the program entitled "A Soiree in 1850", which was presented at Wilder Hall, South Hingham, for the benefit of the Second Parish Church of that town. Mrs. Morse also took a leading part in the production.

Among those who attended the World's Fair at Chicago last summer were WILLIAM ALCOTT, '84 and HARRY A. ENGLISH, '96.

Prospects For Next Year

Our team, like any other team, loses some of its players at Graduation. This year we are more fortunate than usual because we lose only eight from a squad of twenty-two. From the first team only four boys will graduate. This leaves a fine outlook for next year's team.

John A. Bailey II

Just boys and turkeys. (Taken before Thankgiving)
Left to right:- Charles E. Wood, Arthur M. Hammond, Maxwell M. Clark, Robert C. Daniels
George E. Gameson, Thomas C. Kenvin, Richard A. Martin

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We are printing below a letter from Franklin P. Miller '19, one of our outstanding young graduates. We know it will prove of special interest to our readers.

Dear Mr. Meacham:–

I was very pleased to hear from you, and only the press of duty incident to the reorganization of my regiment from a horse drawn to a truck drawn outfit has prevented my immediate answer.

As for my history, it is not particularly interesting, but I am quite glad to outline it briefly.

As you know, I attended Mount Hermon for four years, after leaving Thompson's Island, graduated at Hermon, and entered Brown University at Providence in '25. There I held four different jobs at the same time to work my way. One at the John Hay library for tuition, another at Sheperd Restaurant to work for my food, a third at the house where I lived to pay for my room, and the fourth as a riding instructor at a local riding school for such money as I could earn. I learned to ride as a member of the 103rd R. I. National Guard regiment, and while in this outfit, was offered a chance to compete for the West Point appointment in Rhode Island.

Lieut. F. P. Miller and family

With fourteen competitors, I was fortunate to win this appointment, entered West Point in '25, underwent the usual Cadet training, was an editor of the Pointer, and graduated as number 45 in a class of 300 men.

I married Dorothy Partch, whom I met at Northfield when I was at Hermon, on the day after graduation, and was ordered to the 76th Field Artillery at Presidio of Monterey, California.

We travelled on a transport, by way of Panama, went through the canal, stopped at Nicaragua to unload the 29th Engineers who were to survey the route for a new canal through that country, and went on to our new station.

While in California we visited Mexico, going far down into the unspoiled interior, and saw several of the great parks, such as Yosemite. After a year at Monterey, a change in Government policy regarding length of service in the Islands resulted in our being ordered to the 11th Field at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii. We reported for duty there, after another transport trip, and stayed two years.

While there we visited Kilaua volcano during its eruption, on the island of Hawaii. Schofield, as you know, is on

Oahu, along with the one big city of Honolulu. We enjoyed foreign service, and the West Coast very much indeed.

Then I was ordered back to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, to serve with the 1st Field Artillery. While there I had the fortune to serve with the first experimental truck-drawn battery in the Army. Unfortunately, the illness of Mrs. Miller and myself, resultant from foreign service, made it advisable to come back to a Northern post for complete recuperation, since the climate at Sill is peculiarly bad. So we were ordered to Ethan Allen, to the Seventh Field Artillery, and this invigorating climate gave us both the tonic we needed.

As for my writing it has been largely commercial for Street and Smith and other magazines. It was necessary to earn money to help with expenses of family sickness, etc., and Street and Smith offered the best paying opportunity. I am still engaged in it, though the increase in pay which attends promotion has eased the burden. I am also giving lectures in spare time for the same reason. Neither the lectures nor the writing are important, but they have been profitable enough to pay for the extra time which their preparation requires.

Roughly, this is an outline of my history to date. If it sounds like a travelogue, blame the government which sent me 30,000 miles in five years. It has been interesting.

We have one child, Nancy Joyce Miller, now 16 months old, and a huge Airdale dog which has accompanied us everywhere, and which is known by name and repute to a large part of the United States Army.

As for a photograph, I have not had a picture taken in years. As a Cadet we were all photographed so many times that we have a hatred for cameras, though that is gradually wearing off. At the Point perfect strangers were always stopping one and asking one to pose for them. Even sentries on guard were frequently stopped by these demands. I am sorry but that happens to be the fact.

Naturally, I am very much interested in the fortunes of F. T. S., and I hope that many of its men will go on to get a higher education. That in itself is not a great aim, but it does make for a richer enjoyment of life, and a greater ability to be of aid to other men.

Farm School men, should they desire to attend the Point, must at least complete high school, and should be willing to slave if necessary to be able to take the work which it demands. They will find it not at all impossible, but no one can go there with an idea of an easy time. Only one man in two who enters can graduate. Many of my stories deal with West Point life, and the sports all Cadets must play.

Neither is an officer's life an easy one. With the rapid advancement of modern methods, any officer must constantly study if he desires to maintain his usefulness. The mechanization of a large part of the Army is a prime example of this.

Thank you for your interest in my work. I am sorry if this outline of my activities does not fill your needs, but I have not had any war service, and I hope, along with the rest of the officers, that such service will never be in demand. It has been mainly work, handling men, drilling them, teaching them, seeing they are properly fed, kept healthy, and kept happy. That in itself is a big job, for anyone who likes to handle men.

Very Sincerely,

Franklin P. Miller
1st Lieut. 7th. F. A.

Honor Roll–Fall Term

First Class: Walter A. Bishop, 89.7; David B. White, 89.7; Franklin M. Pierce, 89.

Second Class: William L. Littlejohn 89.2; Russell G. Bartholomew, 85.8.

Third Class: William D. DeLorie, 82; William M. Meacham, Jr. 81.3.

Fourth Class: Francis S. Sheldon, 82.5; Eugene Proctor, 81.2.

Fifth Class: Thomas C. Kenvin 92.5; Robert J. English, 85.5.

Sixth Class: B. Clayton Graffam, 95.5; Edgar R. Aldrich, 93.6.

The following boys have received a mark of 90 or over in scholastic effort for the past term.

First Class: Walter A. Bishop, Roy M. Dole, Orlando M. Murphy, Franklin M. Pierce, David B. White.

Second Class: John A. Bailey, Elvin C. Bean, William L. Littlejohn, William C. Parsons, Ernest F. Peterson, Ralph Talbot.

Third Class: Charles F. Averill, William F. Reagan.

Fourth Class: Eugene Proctor.

Fifth class: Eliot Bernard, David W. Kenvin, Thomas C. Kenvin.

Sixth Class: Edgar R. Aldrich, William J. Bevans, George F. Connors, B. Clayton Graffam, Wesley C. Gustafson, James R. Langton, William B. Pratt, Lionel Willey, Charles E. Wood.

About the Pilgrim III

During the first few months we have had our new boat there have been adjustments made. Boat experts have watched the boat as the first trips have been made in order to make everything as perfect as possible. Just recently the grade of fuel oil has been changed, the new oil producing a remarkable change for the better in the work of the engine.

It is surprising how much dirt there is in oil. There is a strainer, as large as the ordinary tumbler, which the lubricating oil passes through, and within a week this strainer is filled with dirt. The fuel oil has a strainer too, but this oil has not quite as much dirt as the lubricating oil.

Francis D. McAuliffe II

Mosquitoes

We had very few mosquitoes during the summer, but late in the fall there were a large number of them. It seemed as though it was too cold for such pests, but they did not grow less in number. In the fields we burned corn stalks to make smoke to drive them off. We nearly eradicated mosquitoes in the summer and will have to be careful that they don't get a chance to breed in the fall.

Warren M. Linnell IV

The Christmas Entertainment

Each year President Arthur Adams provides a Christmas entertainment for the boys, it taking place on Christmas afternoon. The entertainers consisted of an escape artist and a musician. The program started by the lady, who sang and played the accordion. Then the escape artist did a few stunts, escaping from chains and straightjackets. He did many magical tricks also. The show closed by everyone singing a few old songs.

Robert J. English V

About Christmas

Each year Mr. Meacham asks each boy to make a list of three or four articles one of which the School will give him for a Christmas present. In this way we all get something that we want and need. Usually these lists are made out at Grade Reading.

Francis A. Curtin I

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The Farm and Trades School is one of nearly a hundred varied organizations that will benefit from the money raised through Boston's Emergency Campaign now in progress. People of all ages in unfortunate circumstances are helped through this benevolent medium.

Our School not only helps the boy of the family but the whole family is assisted by relieving the widowed mother from the constant care of her boy while she is out working to support the other members of the family. The boy is given every possible care, adequate food, an education, training in trades, practical agriculture and opportunity to express himself in athletics, music and many other activities dear to the heart of the American boy.

Thousands of people in Boston and in every other city in the land have no friends able to help them when in trouble. Everyone who gives to the Emergency Campaign is a friend of the unfortunate. Last year 200,000 people were helped in this campaign.

Topics in Brief

A very impressive Christmas Service was given on December 23. The feature of the program was the pantomime "Why the Chimes Rang". This was most excellently staged, and was as fine as anything we have had at Christmas. Other parts of the program included recitations, vocal numbers and a selection by the Brass Quartet.

On Christmas Eve a group of the boys went about the Main Building singing Christmas Carols. They were entertained afterwards, and immediately following was held the annual Instructors' Christmas Party. In the morning Santa Claus, (Arthur H. Pickard, '34) arrived and began the distribution of gifts, which job took nearly two hours, there being so many. In the afternoon a professional entertainment was given, this being President Arthur Adams' annual Christmas Day gift. Christmas season was a happy one for all.

The work of the School was told by Superintendent Meacham at a meeting of the Beth-Horon Lodge of Masons in Brookline on December 11. The Brass Quartet played several selections and were enthusiastically applauded.

Present at the meeting were Dr. Harold Major, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Boston, who preached a sermon here eight years ago, and Mr. Martin, leader of the Lotus Male Quartet. Mr. Martin was here some years ago with the Quartet and presented a musical program.

Hill Dill

The game is begun by someone shouting "The last one up is hill dill." This boy tries to catch any boy who is not on either of the border lines. When he catches one he says "Hill-Dill, one, two, three." Then that boy has to help catch the others. When everyone has been caught the game is over.

Wesley C. Gustafson VI

A Visit to the City

On the last day of our vacation about half the boys went to the city and saw a show at the Metropolitan Theatre. I was one of the boys that went. Those that went had the highest marks in effort and the best conduct. I enjoyed the trip very much and am glad I tried to do my best so that I could go.

Edgar R. Aldrich VI

Annual Fall Band Concert

On Friday evening December 7, 1934, the Annual Fall Concert was played by the School band under the direction of Mr. Frank L. Warren, the leader.

There were three marches, an overture, a selection, a reverie, and a novelty played. The piece that I liked best was the selection H. M. S. Pinafore which was taken from the Gilbert and Sullivan Opera of the same name.

The program was as follows:—

PROGRAMME

MARCH *Huff*
The Show Boy

OVERTURE *Ribble*
Lizella

SELECTION *Sullivan*
H. M. S. Pinafore

TROMBONE SOLO—Hawaiian Melody
Harold B. DeLorie

MARCH *Bigelow*
NC4

REVERIE *Bennett*
Dawn

NOVELTY *Noel*
Clown Band Contest

MARCH *Bagley*
National Emblem

Russell G. Bartholomew II

Calendar 50 Years Ago, December 1884

As Kept by the Superintendent

1. We made our last trip to the city with our steamer.

2. A fine day which we improved. Hauled the steamer up to the old barn. We had excellent luck. Everything worked well. Our boys are very handy with the rope and falls.

3. Today went with Joseph Colson, Fred'k Lieber and Chas. Jones with two boats and got the stone which we quarried Nov. 13th and placed them on the beach at the southwest end of the Island. Put the steamer into the barn, and took the floating wharf in shore.

5. To city for stockings, mittens, nuts, meat, dates, standard books, etc. Discharged Geo. J. Walthers to his uncle Lieut. Dawson of the Police. Carried Walter Cleary to have his teeth fixed and McNalley, 1st to have his ear seen to.

6. Put down drain at South End, to drain reclaimed marsh.

9. Fresh breeze, but not bad crossing. Went to meet the trustees, and then to East Boston to vote for city officers.

25. A good wholesome though rather cold day. Boys all well and happy. Ground all covered with snow. Mercury 10 Below freezing. Chas. Sumner Murray came from Maryland to be with us on this occasion. A fine tree, as fine as we ever had. when the curtain was removed from before it was most rapturously cheered. It contained something for everyone present.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, December 1844

As Kept by the Superintendent

1. The Superintendent conducted the religious services of the Sabbath in the forenoon; and in the afternoon read the funeral service for John Edw. Fader, aged 9 years; who died at the Mass. General Hospital on Thursday evening last, where he had been since the 18th of September.

3. Admitted James Bogue.

5. Admitted Shubael D. Lee born in Londonderry, brought here by his uncle, John Cheny, Washington Street, Boston.

11. Mr. Ingram and Miss Frain of Boston came to visit their brothers.

15. Religious services by Deacon Grant and Mr. J. H. Green.

18. Received a visit from Hon. Theodore Lyman, president of the institution.

20. Wm. F. Kennison returned to his friends in the city who were about removing to the state of Maine.

December Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 65° on the first.

Minimum Temperature 4° on the nineteenth.

Mean Temperature for the month 30°.

Ten clear days, nine partly cloudy, and twelve cloudy.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, December 31, 1934

RESOURCES

Savings Bank	$929.67
Cash	132.87
	$1062.54

LIABILITIES

Boys' Deposits	$276.62
Trading Co. Deposits	405.03
Cottage Row Deposits	42.07
Photo Company Deposits	70.21
Surplus	268.61
	$1062.54

The worlds' pioneer printers were put to death as witches, because they made copies quickly. Printing has since abolished fear and superstition from civilization.

Plowing

This fall I have been busy plowing. The horses are strong and willing to work, and much plowing has been done. Some of the fields were hard to do, because they were filled with rocks, while others were easier because of good soil. Some of the things to watch out for are rocks, which will break off the plow points, and not to have the plow point too deep or it will dig up subsoil. In all the plowing I did I only broke two plow points.

Next spring I will do some harrowing.

Raymond A. Hadfield V

Basketball

The basketball season opened on New Year's Day, with the first teams of each club playing. It was a very good game, hard fought, with the score in doubt until the final whistle. An overtime period had to be played, as the score was tied at the end of the regulation game. Club A finally won 26-24.

Theodore R. Millett V

Receiving Uniforms

Some time ago the new boys were outfitted with uniforms. These are gray-blue in color trimmed with a black strip on the trousers and coats. I was the fourth boy in line and it took quite a little while to fit us all. The caps were given out last, these are in a military style with a F. T. S. emblem on the front. When we had received our complete outfits we hung them in our lockers.

William Warner IV

Coasting

We have had snow and ice on the avenues and many of the boys go coasting. We start by the kitchen porch and go through the stone gates to the wharf, or else turn at the gates and go towards the old barn. It is good fun.

William B. Pratt VI

Letter Writing

When I first came here I did not know much about writing letters. At first I made many mistakes but now I do much better. We learn to write letters during our English lessons.

Charles E. Wood VI

Opening Gift Packages

This was my first Christmas here and I had a fine time. I think the best fun was when we went to Chapel to get our presents. We opened our packages so that everyone could see what each other received. Everyone had an armful of presents.

James R. Langton VI

The Jester's Comments

—Barney Hadfield has been busy at the farm during the past few months and has become weary of describing his progress. So that no one will ask him his work on the farm he signs his name now as Teamster Hadfield. Add Teamster Hadfield to Crooner Chausse, Professor Davis, Sailor McAuliffe,–my what a select group of titlers we have!

—'Tis said that if Sailor McAuliffe became a farmer his sea experience would be too great to overcome. Imagine him shouting to Jerry, "starboard, darn ye, starboard." And then anchoring the horse until he "could get a tug to tow it to harbor." If he was to get down hay he would blow a whistle and explain he was "pipin' all hands aloft." He'd get fired though, because he'd ask the head farmer to throw water on the side of the house so he could sleep naturally. Farmers, beware!

—Sam Very thought he saw Turtle Island float away--but no, it is still used as part of the pumping station equipment. Sam saw one of the Spectacle Island barges out on the bay.

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KENNETH E. KEARNS, '24, whose journalistic work at the University of New Hampshire has attracted wide attention, is contributing a full page to the football bulletin published by the University Athletic Association, and which paper appears at each football contest.

On January 7, Mr. and Mrs. Will F. Davis celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary at their home, 11 Eustis Street, Chelsea. The occasion was marked by a large number of friends who visited the couple, among them being many whose friendship began at F. T. S. We are happy to extend our congratulations to this fine couple.

Mr. Davis finished the course at the School 55 years ago, in 1879.

CARL WEEKS (WIJK) '29, is employed as patrolman by the Central Maine Power Company at Cedar Grove. Maine. He is making plans to enter M. I. T.

BENJAMIN MENDE '29, recently visited the School after having spent about three years in the Navy. He is now located at 1400 Whitney Avenue, New Haven, Connecticut.

GORDON WHALEN '30 spent an afternoon at the School recently. He has been busy all of the time during the past year painting in his home town. He lives at 544 Washington Street, Wellesley, Mass.

LLOYD BLANCHARD '32, visited the School December 31. His address is 21 Eliot Street, South Natick, Mass.

ROYL M. AUGUSTINE, '32, is working on a large poultry farm in Kittery, Maine. He hopes to go into business for himself in a few years. His mail address is R. F. D. No. 1, Beech Road, Kit[illegible] Maine. He would be especially pleas[illegible] to hear from any of his schoolmates.

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Mr. William Alcott '84, was elected a member of the Board of Managers of the School at the annual corporation meeting Tuesday, January 29, 1935.

The first alumnus of the School to be elected to the Board was in 1912 when Thomas J. Evans '64 was invited to that position. In 1920 two more alumni were elected to the Board, Walter B. Foster '78 and Alden B. Hefler '87. These three alumni have been reelected annually to the Board of Managers. The recent death of Mr. Evans caused a vacancy which now has been filled by the election of Mr. Alcott.

William Alcott

Mr. Alcott wrote an editorial for the BEACON of March 1920 following the election of two additional alumni members to the Board of Managers. His well chosen words are still true and we can not improve them. We quote from that editorial:

"True, there had already been upon the Board for the past eight years one graduate of the School,–one who reflected honor upon himself and upon the School–but the increased representation on the Board of our own graduates is a great and significant advance.

"It is a tribute to the original graduate representative on the Board, and it is stimulus to the entire graduate body for each one to make the most of himself.

"The honor comes during the year when the Alumni Association completes 21 years of existence, and it is a graceful recognition of the fact that the Association has come to man's estate, that the Farm School boy has become the Farm School man, and that he has won the confidence of the Board of Managers."

Ever since Mr. Alcott completed the academic and printing courses at the School in 1884 he has shown an active interest in his alma mater. Space does not permit recounting the many services he has done in behalf of the School. He has been active as the Historian of the Alumni Association. He has written many articles about the School for the Boston newspapers and also for the BEACON. He was elected President of the Alumni Association in 1918 and reelected in 1919. He was the historical speaker at the centennial celebration of the School's occupancy of Thompson's Island in 1933. He wrote a series of articles for the BEACON pertaining to the eight Superintendents of the School during its 100 years on Thompson's Island. Time and again Mr. Alcott has been one of the

alumni to whom the officials of the School have turned for counsel and now it is befitting that he should be given a place as a member of the Board of Managers.

More detailed account of Mr. Alcott's many interests we quote from the Boston Globe of Jan. 30:

"William Alcott was graduated from the School in 1884, at the head of his class in the course on printing, and for the next four years worked in Boston printing offices.

"In 1888 he began reporting for the Boston Globe on the East Boston-Chelsea district. He served three years as a district reporter, 15 years on the city staff and 16 years as night city editor. In 1922 he was placed in charge of the Globe's reference library, a position which he still holds.

"He was one of the founders of the Newspaper Group, a national and professional society of newspaper librarians, affiliated with Special Libraries Association, and served as chairman of the Group. He has served as president of the Boston Chapter, Special Libraries Association, and as president of the national body. He is a member of the American Library Association, Massachusetts Library Club and New England Historic Genealogical Society. For three years he was one of the publishers of the Chelsea Gazette.

"For more than 20 years he has been a trustee of the New England Home for Deaf Mutes and for 11 years was managing trustee of the home. He is a member of the Scots Charitable Society.

"His home is in Watertown, where he is a member of Phillips Congregational Church. He is a director of the American Congregational Association."

Report of the Historian of the Alumni Association

The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School was organized in April 1897. In many ways it has been a strong force for good. An example of this is contained in the Historian's Report, which represents a vast amount of effort and real work. This historical summary is splendidly prepared and we feel sure that every friend of the school will read it with keen appreciation.

The author, G. George Larsson, graduated from F. T. S. in 1917. After his graduation Mr. Larsson attended the Sloyd Training School in Boston, afterwards teaching at the Prince School in Boston. His present position is Shop Instructor at the Phillips Brooks School in Dorchester. He is married, and has a daughter, aged 5. He has maintained a deep interest in religious and fraternal organizations. In 1921 he journeyed to Sweden to study the Sloyd systems in use there.

In presenting to the Association the facts of historical significance during the past year, the historian reviews the year with a touch of sadness, for we have lost two of our most beloved members, Thomas J. Evans, '64 and LeRoy S. Kenfield, '82. They made fine records in their respective fields of endeavor, the business world and the world of music. Their devotion to The Farm and Trades School was always shown, and we shall miss them greatly.

These records have been obtained, for the most part, from articles appearing in the Boston and other papers. Because so many graduates are located in distant parts of the country it is difficult to receive news of them.

The Report is as follows, and is arranged in chronological order:-

1933

Nov. 9. A report from the Guernsey Cattle Club of Peterborough N. H. stated

that the F. T. S. cow "Thompson's Island Barbara", two years old, had produced 10,177.1 pounds of milk and 535.3 pounds of fat which was a new official record for Class F.

Nov. 9. The Pierean Sodality, the Harvard University Orchestra, gave a concert at the School.

Nov. 10. Robert W. Mitchell, '32 talked with Lieut. T. G. W. Settle by short-wave radio. Lieut. Settle was in the stratosphere and our graduate gave him weather reports which helped the flyer bring his balloon to a safe landing.

Nov. 20. The Boston University Bulletin published on this date contained an article regarding the courtesy and exceptional fine qualities of a Farm and Trades School boy who delivered printing at the office of the Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company. The late Mr. James Longley, who intercepted the printed matter, wrote $150,000 into his will for the School.

Nov. 21. President Arthur Adams of our School was elected a Trustee of the Provident Institution for Savings.

Nov. 26. The School football team lost to Topsfield High School 13-0.

1934

Jan. 15. Our part of the Boston Emergency Relief Campaign began with an exhibit of sloyd work at 380 Boylston St., moving later to 1 Park Street.

Jan. 17. On this day the Alumni Association held its annual reunion, at the Ritz Plaza Hall, 218 Huntington Avenue, Boston. A buffet supper was served. Howard B. Ellis, '99, was chairman. The program was made up of selections by the School brass quartette, and instrumental solos by Leroy S. Kenfield, '82 and Howard B. Ellis, '99. Malcolm H. Cameron, '19 gave a masterly exhibtion of magic. President Arthur Adams extended greetings in behalf of the Board of Managers.

Jan. 13. The School basketball team lost to the Fords club.

Jan. 18. Roger Pierce was elected President and Arthur Adams, S. V. R. Crosby, Charles P. Curtis, and George L. DeBlois Directors of the New England Trust Company. They are members of our Board of Managers.

Jan. 20. C. Wilber Durgin, '21 married Miss Edna Morse Lelley today. Mr. Durgin has been music editor of the Boston Globe for several years.

Jan. 20. Mr. B. Y. Kihlstrom began his sixteenth year of service as Sloyd, Mechanical Drawing, and Forging Instructor.

Jan. 31. At the 120th annual meeting of the Board of Managers Superintendent Meacham proposed that new buildings be erected to provide more adequate accommodations. This meeting marked the 100th anniversary of occupation of the School on Thompson's Island.

Feb. 11. The harbor was frozen over today, and food and supplies were transported to the Island from Squantum. Two horses were used on a large sleigh and another horse pulled two small sleds.

Feb. 15. Francis A. Morse, a former principal of the School, celebrated his 91st birthday.

Feb. 29. An extended cold wave continued, the low temperature of seventeen below zero being recorded. The Island was icebound and during this cold wave, which continued for four weeks from January 27, our people have been able to walk to town, all of the bays having been frozen over.

March 10. Thomas J. Evans, '64 died in Weymouth at the age of 86. In his passing we mourn the loss of one of our most prominent and beloved Alumni.

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Francis Shaw

Francis Shaw, a member of the Board of Managers of our School from 1889 to 1923, died at his home in Wayland February 9th following a long illness. He was 82 years old.

Mr. Shaw was a member of the executive committee the entire 34 years that he was a member of the Board of Managers. He was very actively interested in the School, and especially in the welfare of the boys and the agricultural education of the boys.

Mr. Shaw not only contributed generously to the funds of the School but he began awarding twenty-five dollars semi-annually for conduct prizes in 1898 and has continued these awards ever since. 317 different boys have received direct benefit from these cash awards.

We deeply regret the passing of our staunch friend and benefactor.

Dr. Charles Evans

Dr. Charles Evans '66 died at his home in Chicago February 8th, in his 85th year.

Dr. Evans was a native of Boston, born Nov. 13, 1850 and entered the Farm and Trades School at the age of 10. Upon his graduation in 1866 he entered the Boston Atheneum as assistant under the famous William Frederick Poole.

Dr. Evans organized the Indianapolis Public Library in 1872 and his entire life was occupied organizing and reclassifying libraries and the writing and publishing of his monumental work, "American Bibliography," a chronological dictionary of all books, pamphlets and periodicals published in the United States from 1639 to 1820. His biographical sketch has been in Who's Who in America many years. Last June he received the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters from Brown University.

Dr. Evans was married in 1883 to Lena Young of Fort Worth, Texas, who died about a year ago. To them were born three children: Mrs. Donald Jones, Eliot H. Evans, and Charles (Chick) Evans, the latter having won many golf championships, including the National Open and the National Amateur.

Dr. Evans "lived" the advice he gave in his memorable address at the centennial celebration of the founding of our School in 1914. He said:

"To the boys at the School, for the alumni, I would say: Always keep alive the spark of interest in the School, whatever your fortunes in life may be. You may travel far, and into many strange lands, but nowhere will you see a more beautiful sight than when the lengthening shadows fall on Thompson's Island, you see the sun resting like a golden crown over the fair city of Boston. Drink in this beautiful sight while you may. Fill your mind and soul with the brilliant coloring of the Great Master Painter. God gave this privilege to you when he gave you the privilege of being a Farm School boy."

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Calendar 50 Years Ago January 1885

As Kept by the Superintendent

1. The New Year comes in very pleasantly. The day so mild that we worked at tarring trees, shingling henhouse and carting gravel.

3. A cold but calm and sunny morn. 4 above 0.

9. Rec'd. a visit from Mr. S. G. DeBlois who came in Police Boat "Protector". Mr. D's first visit for New Year.

10. Very windy. Not a particle of snow visible anywhere.

13. The day proving suitable, went to city with boat carrying 3 bbls. of Pearl of Savoy Potatoes to Breck & Son. Got meat and other articles for house. The "Protector" came for us.

24. A very stormy day. Snow and rain. Horace Sweetser allowed to go on trial to the Hinckley Locomotive Works, where he is to remain three years if all are suited.

28. Very cold and stormy. Much ice forming. Mercury fell from 26 to 6 above 0 during the day.

Calendar 90 Years Ago January 1845

As Kept by the Superintendent

1. Present: Robert Morrison, Superintendent; Ann E. Morrison, Matron; Abraham W. Drake, Teacher; Joshua West, Boatman; Abigail Desmond, Cook; Julia M'Carty, Seamstress; Ellen Duffee, Washer. Total pupils, 67.

5. A sermon was read to the boys by the Superintendent and the Sunday School lessons were heard by the Teacher.

9. Chas Donolly admitted.

11. Hon. Theodore Lyman visited the School.

27. Received a visit from Moses Grant and Elijah Cobb, Esqrs.

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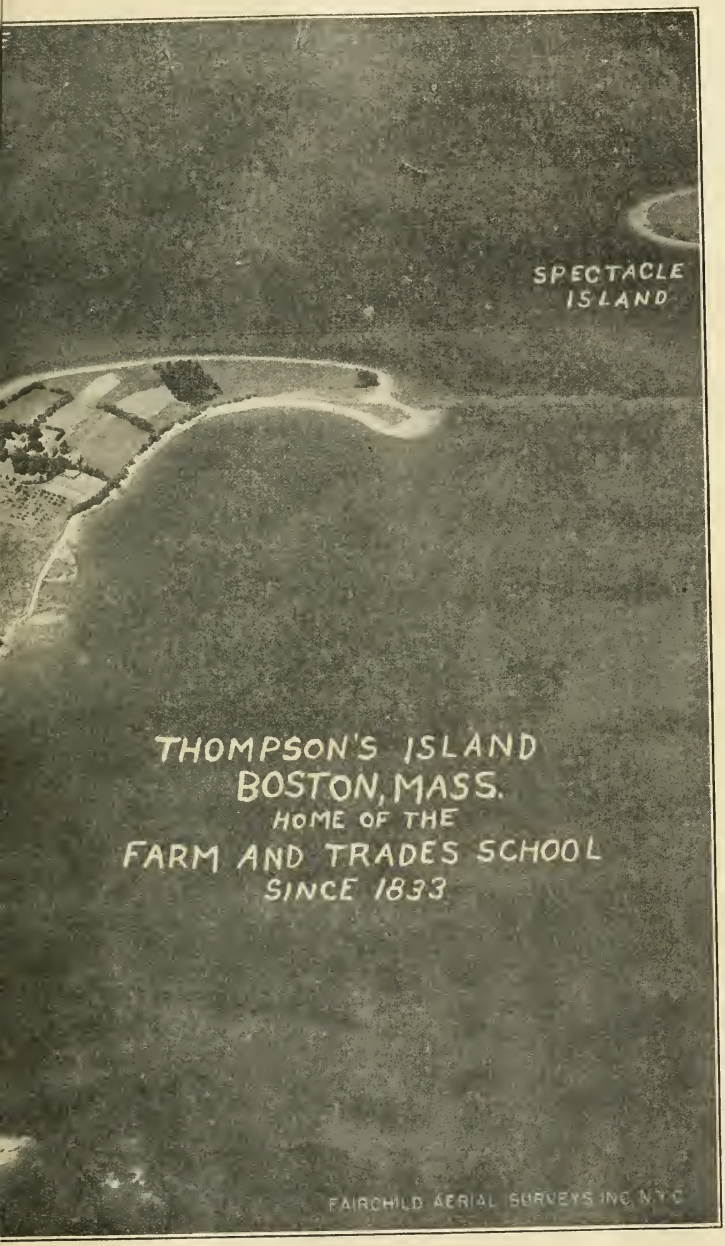
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Clarence H. DeMar's Visit

Clarence H. DeMar, '04 visited the School on Saturday, January 12, and remained until Sunday afternoon, at the invitation of Robert A. Girardin, one of our teachers. Mr. Girardin graduated from Keene Normal School, N. H., last June, where Mr. DeMar is a teacher and both being interested in marathon running a warm friendship resulted.

Mr. DeMar passed Saturday evening pleasantly visiting the different parts of the School, where more than thirty years ago he was a pupil. He chatted informally of the many changes which have taken place during these years.

At Chapel Sunday morning Mr. DeMar spoke to the boys and chose as his subject "The Difficulties and Rewards of Being Different." In this talk he pointed out the difficulty of raising oneself above the mass, and stated that the American ideal of being truly democratic was to be different, but this was never easy. He cited many examples, which brought his message clearly to the boys. As the reward of being different he stressed more self-respect, resulting in greater character; achievement, one of the best things; and the final reward of Heaven Itself.

While at F. T. S. Mr. DeMar was an outstanding pupil, but just an average athlete. Later, while attending The University of Vermont he was influenced to attempt running, because his college athletic director stated that every man could be a champion of something, athletically speaking. The game of running seemed best for him, and he began training for the cross-country team. Marathon running resulted, and he has engaged in 55 major races, winning 20 first prizes, a remarkable record. Any young man may be a good marathoner, Mr. Demar concedes, if he is willing to make the proper preparation, which of course, is not easy.

The School thoroughly enjoyed this visit of Mr. DeMar. We appreciate his kindness in taking time from a very busy life to come to us.

Topics in Brief

The basketball season got underway during the month, and eight teams are competing in the Club series. At this time Club A has won three games, and Club B has won one. The School team schedule began on Jan. 5. Three contests were played, our boys losing to the Page Club, Trinity Knights and Gordon College.

The winter term of school began on Jan. 2, after a week of vacation, during which the boys enjoyed the winter sports.

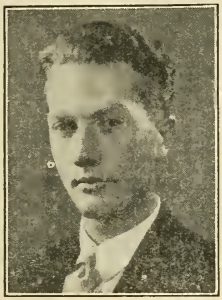
On January 10, as our part of the Emergency Relief Campaign, an exhibit of our Sloyd work was given in several places in town. This continued for four weeks.

Clarence H. DeMar. '04 visited the school over the week-end of January 12, and spoke to the boys at our Chapel Assembly Sunday morning. A special article pertaining to Mr. DeMar's visit appears elsewhere in this issue.

There has been much ice, and for the latter part of the month we have been able to walk to Squantum. For the most part, however, our regular boat trips have been made.

Secretary Merton P. Ellis, '97 of the Alumni Association visited us on January 14. He was here on business for the Association, and secured much data. He is particularly interested in keeping the Alumni mailing list complete and correct. Every graduate is urged to assist by advising of new addresses.

Ernest B. Walston Selected as Judge



Ernest B. Walston

From time to time members of our staff are asked to assist in various educational projects. We are happy to note that once again one of our members has been selected to participate in this manner.

The Granite State News of Wolfeboro N. H. is sponsoring a contest among the Grammar School pupils of Carroll County. Each school contributes as much material as it desires. The judge selected is a teacher on our staff, Mr. Ernest B. Walston.

The issue of the newspaper which carried the announcement of Mr. Walston's appointment spoke of his qualifications and gave a brief biographical sketch.

The article contained a fine summary of the work of our school, and was illustrated by two pictures, one of the Main Building and one of the Band while on parade.

Mr. Walston is a native of Vermont, and graduated from The University of Vermont in 1929, receiving the degree of B. S. He has been teaching here since 1929. He is interested in all boys' activities, sports, games, hobbies and other projects. He welcomes this opportunity as a splendid method of comparing the work done here with that done in New Hampshire. We are proud that he has been selected for this work, and extend our congratulations. We know that an excellent choice has been made.

Three Examples

The purpose of the Alumni Association is to maintain and increase the interest of former pupils in each other and in the School. To this end it has succeeded admirably. There are always opportunities for the Alumni to renew their vows of loyalty to the School, and the graduates are ever-willing to grasp them.

Among the recent expressions of interest displayed by our graduates may be cited three definite examples. The first is the Richard Bell Candy Fund, to which, at Christmas time each year, the graduates contribute. This fund is used to supply Christmas merriment to the boys. In time the interest on the principal of this fund will be sufficient to carry it along indefinitely.

The second example is the Alumni Band fund. In the spring of 1934 our Band was enabled to make three trips to school band festivals, through the generosity of the Alumni. When it seemed that there was some likelihood that we would be unable to attend, the graduates raised a fund in a few short weeks, which reached generous proportions.

The Athletic Fund is the third example. Although not, strictly speaking, an Alumni project, it was devised by one of our graduates, and the Alumni have been the most generous donators. This fund provides for equipment and expenses of our athletic teams.

These very real evidences of loyalty and devotion to our School are more than very much appreciated gifts. They reflect the spirit of our graduates, and their response to these funds has been a deep source of satisfaction to all connected with the School.

Great credit is due the Alumni Association Secretary, Merton P. Ellis, '97, for his work in supervising these funds.

Cottage Row Officers–January 1935

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The Jester's Comments

We are indebted to Francis G. "Teddy" Bryant for the following contribution to this column. Mr. Bryant finished the course at the school in 1894 and has been one of our most active alumni. His letter follows:–

".....To me you have a very interesting battery of contributing talent. For instance:-

"You seem to have a boy who is a 'Mann'. You have a worthy 'Bishop' and also a 'Parson' to help him.

"Also a chap under a dual role, passing as single and yet a 'Benedict'. And then there is that boy who has such a hard time keeping straight, 'Bent'.

"At your table you have a fresh vegetable the year 'round 'Bean'.

"Also we find a lad who is always receiving a little something 'Dole'.

"Of course you have other noted contributors, but I shall leave them to someone else."

"Teddy" '94

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, January 31, 1935

RESOURCES

Savings Bank	$929.67
Cash :	230 61
	$1160.28

LIABILITIES

Boys' Deposits	$370.53
Trading Co. Deposits	445.02
Cottage Row Deposits . . .	36.62
Photo Company Deposits . .	64.24
Surplus	243.87
	$1160.28

January Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 56° on the ninth.

Minimum Temperature –4° on the twenty-seventh.

Mean Temperature for the month 25°.

Twelve clear days, four partly cloudy, and fifteen cloudy.

Historian's Report

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He was a leader in the business world, a G. A. R. veteran, and was identified with Freemasonry for 60 years. He was the first graduate to be elected to the Board of Managers.

March 22. Leslie R. Jones '06 escorted a group of F. T. S. boys through the Herald-Traveler building. Mr Jones has been staff photographer for the Herald-Traveler for a long period of years.

March 28. Clarence H DeMar, '04 our famous marathoner, announced his entry in the B. A. A. marathon on April 19. This will be his 16th B. A. A. marathon.

April 1. Work on the laying of an electric cable to the farmhouse nearly finished. Subsequently electric lights and power were installed there.

April 7. Superintendent Meacham, several instructors and 15 boys attended

the Maple Sugar Party of the Vermont Association of Boston, which was held at the Hotel Vendome. The boys helped serve refreshments. Mr. Meacham is Vice-President of the Association.

April 19. Clarence H. DeMar, '04 finished 16th in the annual B. A. A. Marathon.

April 20. The School received the twelfth volume of the American Bibliography written by Charles Evans '66, undoubtedly the outstanding work achieved by any of its graduates.

April 20. The Boston Globe today published a picture of Chief Henry A. Fox, '79, of the Boston Fire Department seated on a horsedrawn fire engine. The picture was appropriately entitled "He had not yet started up the ladder".

May 12. The School Band was enthusiastically applauded as it appeared participating at the State Music Festival in Melrose today.

May 25. The historically famous frigate "Constitution" passed by the Island to the Navy Yard, returning from a trip to the West Coast. She will probably never leave the Navy Yard again.

June 2. The Band participated in the New England Music Festival at Hampton Beach today.

June 8. Mr. Charles Evans, '66 received the honorary degree of Litt. D. at Brown University.

June 9. The Band received much applause as it took part in the Harvard Stadium Music Festival today.

June 15. The annual Graduation exercises were held today. President Arthur Adams presented diplomas to fifteen boys. The address was by the Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts.

June17. The Annual Alumni Field Day took place. The graduates enjoyed perhaps the final trip of the steamer Pilgrim, with barge attached, as she will be replaced soon by the Pilgrim III, a forty-five foot motor boat.

June 18. Theodore B. Hadley, '23 received the degree of M. S. at Middlebury College.

June 22. Samuel J. Simmons, '51 a G. A. R. veteran, lecturer and inventor died today.

June 22. President Arthur Adams and student Harold B. DeLorie, '35 left to sail the new forty-five foot motor launch Pilgrim III from Wiscasset to Thompson's Island.

June 24. The Pilgrim III arrived at the Island. The boys assembled on the wharf to greet her and gave her a warm welcome.

July 9. The following boys were selected by the admission committee at the meeting today: Russell G. Bartholomew, Eliot Bernard, Raymond Cameron, Maxwell M. Clark, Howard M. Colpitts, George F. Connors, Robert C. Daniels, Warren A. Danner, George E. Gameson, Benjamin C. Graffam, Robert W. Harrison, James R. Langton, Eldon Porter, William B. Pratt, William F. Reagan, Albert G. Richardson, Lionel Willey, Charles E. Wood.

July 21. Clarence H. DeMar, '04, became father of his third child, a son, today. Another prospective marathoner.

Aug. 23. Clarence H. DeMar, '04 finished second in the annual Irish Day 26 mile marathon at Cleveland, Ohio.

Sept. 9. Clarence H. DeMar, '04, won the annual 10 mile handicap of the East Providence A. C.

Sept. 13. Malcolm H. Cameron, '19, gave a fine magical show at the Island.

Sept. 18. There was in the Boston Herald today a splendid football article by Will Cloney dealing with the F. T. S. team.

The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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77 SUMMER STREET, BOSTON
G. GEORGE LARSSON, '17, Historian
Hyde Park, Mass.

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October 1. At the meeting of the Admission Committee held today the following boys were selected:- Edgar R. Aldrich, Percie R. Berry, William J. Bevans, Norman H. Chausse, John Dunn, Wesley C. Gustafson, Leonard Markley, Richard A. Martin, Conrad Alva Reese, Myles Standish, Ralph Talbot, William B. Thomas and William H. Warner.

October 5. LeRoy S. Kenfield, '82 died. He had been a member of the Boston Symphony Orchestra for 34 years. He attended the Alumni gatherings regularly and his friendly smile and pleasing personality will be missed by all. He was an artist, and will always be an inspiration to members of the Farm and Trades School Band.

October 5. Mrs. Marion A. Clark resigned today, after a service of 15½ years as Laundry Instructor.

October 20. The Trustees of the Boston Symphony Orchestra passed the following resolution today:

"LeRoy S. Kenfield, who died on October 5, 1934, passed more than half his life of 67 years as a member of the brass wind section of the Boston Symphony Orchestra. Born in Massachusetts, playing as a boy in the Farm and Trades School Band, teaching others in more recent years, he gave many to know what an American musician may be. He rendered faithful service to his art, and won the affection and respect of his colleagues, his pupils and all who were privileged to know him. So he passed over, and all the trumpets sounded for him on the other side."

Oct. 22. The School football team lost to Weymouth H. S. 13-0.

Oct. 23. A fine picture of the School football squad appeared in the sporting pages of the Boston Herald.

Nov. 3. The football team lost to Manning H. S 39-7.

Nov. 17. The Harvard A. A. News issued today contained a full page story by Kenneth E. Kearns, '23.

Nov. 25. Miss Marion Nichols began her 22nd year as Head Kitchen Instructor.

Nov. 26. Charles W. Russell,'04 and Richard W. Crowley, '33 placed the steamer Pilgrim's boiler, engine and pumps into suitable storage condition. The boat was hauled high on the beach, and will probably never be used again by the School.

This report is given with the hope that it may influence somewhat all Alumni to keep the Officers of the Alumni Association informed of any news, clippings or information which pertain directly or indirectly to The Farm and Trades School or its Alumni Association. Please co-operate so that our records may be complete.

Further details concerning any of the items noted in this report may be secured from the Historian. All the pictures and newspaper clippings are preserved in a suitable scrap book.

The School is deeply indebted to Mr. Larsson for his fine work in preparing the historical summary. It is hoped that a number of the Beacon may be issued each year dealing with historical facts, and that this plan will prove worth-while to everyone, especially the graduates. We believe it will.

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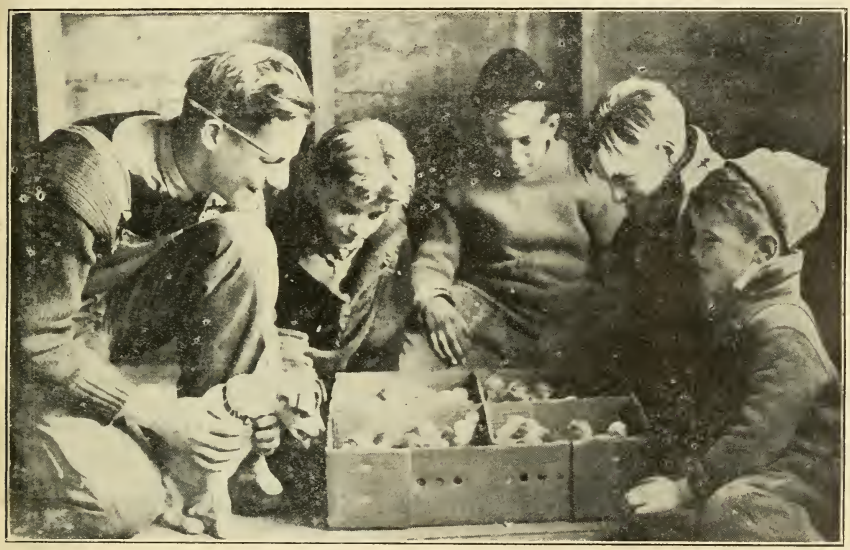

It's Incubator Time!

Everyone is interested in newly-hatched chicks. Richard S. Kimball is holding the puppy, and Edgar R. Aldrich, William J. Bevans, George F. Connors and Darwin Baird (left to right) complete the group circled around the "Baby Chick Pullman".

Our Poultry Plant

Our Poultry Plant is maintained solely to give The Farm and Trades School boy a general idea of what to do in a practical way in the poultry business.

Boys interested in work in this department are chosen by ability, conduct, class and reliability by the Superintendent who endeavors to give each boy a chance.

There are three buildings on the plant, namely, brooder house, laying house, and store house. The brooder house, a building sixty feet by twenty feet has four sections which will hold about five hundred chicks each. The last pen in the house is a little larger than the others, being twelve

by twenty feet. The other pens are ten feet by twenty feet. There is a grain room on the west end of the house where the stairs and door are located. A small supply of grain is kept close at hand in this room, as well as many watering utensils, tools and baskets, making it more or less of a store room. The incubator is in a small room underneath the store room. It is a "Petersime" incubator which has a capacity of 2660 eggs. The brooder house is about three feet off the ground and has windows facing the south. This side is ten feet high and the roof slants down to about five feet on the back or north side. In each pen in this brooder house, there are four mash hoppers for chicks, and water buckets which set on the floor.

The laying house is 148 feet long, has six pens and a grain room. The grain room has bins for grain, a desk for keeping record books, etc. About twenty bags of scratch feed are kept in this room. The pens in this building are twenty feet by twenty feet, and have approximately eighteen trap nests in each pen. There is a large feed hopper in each pen which has a spindle at the top to prevent the hens from roosting. The roosts, cleaned regularly, fold to the wall and give more room during the day. There is a watering bucket on a stool, also a dish full of powdered milk. Both the brooder house and laying house are equipped with electricity and running water.

The store house is four feet off the ground and is about twelve feet long and ten feet wide. Crates, mash boxes, and other equipment not in immediate use are kept in this building. It is equipped with lights.

At the present time there are 550 hens and pullets and 31 roosters (about six roosters to every hundred hens). The roosters are kept in a separate pen until needed for breeding.

The eggs are collected from trapnests in the pens and then brought to the main building where they are sorted and graded. Most of the eggs are used by the School, and the others are sold at a store in South Boston.

The hens before being put out on the range in the spring are culled and the culls are either dressed off or sent over town. There are two ranges; one for the hens and one for the pullets. They are about an acre in size. The hens are put on range for about six weeks starting in September. They are brought in then ready for regular winter feeding.

John R. MacDonald I

Gordon College Night

It is a custom each year to have a delegation from Gordon College come to the Island to watch the basket-ball game between their team and ours. This year about fifty came. They arrived about five-thirty and went to the gymnasium where they had their supper. Shortly after, the band played a concert which they appreciated very much.

A preliminary basket-ball game was played, the result being a 39-30 victory for our Faculty team over a picked Gordon five.

The main event of the evening was the Gordon-F. T. S. game. Although we tried hard we lost 55-17.

Harold B. DeLorie I

Awarding Football Trophies

At Grade Reading on Monday night not long ago Mr. Meacham awarded the Crosby Football Shield and Medals. These are made possible through the kindness of Mr. S. V. R. Crosby, a member of the Board of Managers.

The Shield team was captained by Walter Bishop and had an undefeated season. It was a heavy strong team and made a good record. The lineup of the team, and the way it is engraved upon the Shield is as follows:

Shield Team

Harold F. Bent, Right End
John A. Bailey, Right Tackle
Russell G. Jones, Right Guard
Lewis C. Goodwin, Center
Walter Bishop, Captain, Left Guard
Theodore R. Millett, Left Tackle
Hartley R. Kenvin, Left End
Edward E. Andrew, Full Back
Elvin C. Bean, Left Half Back
William C. Parsons, Right Half Back
Reginald Burlingame, Quarter Back

The Crosby medals are heavily gold-plated with the player's name and the position played upon it. The medal is attached to a Gold and Blue ribbon, upon which is attached a pin. These medals are given to the best player in each position. They were:

Medal Winners

Harold B. DeLorie, Quarter Back
Elvin C. Bean, Left Half Back
David R. Harris, Full Back
William C. Parsons, Right Half Back
James T. Ritchie, Left End
Roy M. Dole, Left Tackle
Walter A. Bishop, Left Guard
Lewis C. Goodwin, Center
Russell G. Jones, Right Guard
Harvey H. Davis, Right Tackle
Edwin C. Willey, Right End

Substitute Medals

Orlando M. Murphy, Right Half Back
Reginald Burlingame, Quarter Back

We are all happy to receive these awards and wish to express our thanks to Manager S. V. R. Crosby.

Walter A. Bishop I

The Snowball Battle

The annual snowball battle took place on Washington's Birthday. The two Generals were Harvey H. Davis and Lewis C. Goodwin. Two strong forts, about seven feet square were constructed of ice and snow, and it was about these forts that the battle raged. A number of sacks were fought for, each sack having a definite value in points. The battle was fought in three periods. Each army protected the sacks it captured, and at the end of the battle it was found that the army led by Harvey H. Davis won by a close margin.

William B. Thomas II

The Jokesmiths' Program

On January 31 a group of boys who called themselves the F. T. S. Jokesmiths gave an entertainment. The program opened by pictures and songs on the screen. Then Norman H. Chausse and Harold F. Bent gave a sketch called "Interviewing a Granger". The second sketch presented was "Crazy Stuff" in which Raymond L. Beck and Lewis C. Goodwin took part. John R. Macdonald and Horace E. Fader then gave the farce "A Sack of Junk". The program closed by the singing of The F. T. S. Pep Song. Between each of the skits was shown pictures of the boys and popular songs on the screen.

All those taking part did splendidly and everyone enjoyed the show.

John R. Macdonald I

An Unusual Trip

Not long ago another boy and I had to see the doctor and the bay was frozen over. Instead of the doctor coming here we went to Squantum where we met him. After treatment we returned to the Island. It was a clear, crisp day and we enjoyed the hike.

David R. Harris II

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Our alumni ranks are so filled with outstandingly successful citizens that every issue of the BEACON could be filled with true human interest stories of the achievements of our boys. The last issue was filled with items about our boys and it was necessary to add extra pages. There is always plenty of news and interesting articles but we always make room for alumni items. We are glad to have as many alumni items as possible because after all our School stands upon the success of its graduates–a record of which we have been proud these 121 years.

We point with pride to our graduates who have achieved fame. We are no less proud of the hundreds of others who have not become internationally known but who have made places for themselves as successful business, professional, and agricultural men. There are others who fill positions in various types of important work, always good citizens of their community. These excellent records are, of course, due to the fact that we select only the finest boys for admission and then we educate and develop them to become good citizens. The boys learn not only how to get a living but also how to live.

If you have time, drop around to the Eastern Steamship office at 50 Franklin Street or on the Boylston Street side of the Little Building and see the clever window displays. This marvel of advertising is an achievement of one of our graduates of 1925–less than ten years out of school. With nothing but artistic talent, a desire to render service to mankind, and a New England conscience of honest effort, he went to New York, and started making window display signs in a little back room. In five years he has earned a place for himself as a leader in his line. Steamship companies and other business organizations now seek his counsel and services. His work is now in practically

every large city along the Atlantic Coast. And modest–personally quiet, unassuming –he hides his identity under the name Biltmore Advertising Co.–even this name has no prominent place on his work. We scanned practically every inch of his Boston displays for the word Biltmore–or for his name Raymond H. McQuesten–and finally did succeed in finding, hidden away at one edge, the name in tiny letters,

Biltmore Display, N. Y. C.

An advertising business not advertising his own business! Is this a new deal or just another F. T. S. boy running true to form?

Topics in Brief

The winter has not been so cold as that of last year, but there has been plenty of ice and snow. On two different days we were unable to get our boat across. Many of the Instructors walked to town via Squantum, and the ice was strong enough to permit such crossing for several weeks. Provisions and supplies were transported across the ice by our one-horse sled. This method of transportation proved of unusual interest and a radio news broadcast told of it. Newsreel cameramen came to Squantum a day or two later to make pictures of the event.

The basketball season was almost completed this month. The School team has had rather an unfortunate season, losing all of its games but two. In the club series Club A has won the majority of the games played.

The First and Second Classes have debated twice this month, these debates taking place at Grade Reading. The subjects chosen were very appropriate and many of the speakers displayed much skill. Each class won a debate so we shall wait for a third and deciding match before the champion team can be announced.

The Crosby football trophies were awarded on February 4, and a list of those receiving them will be found elsewhere in this issue.

On February 5 the Pilgrim III was taken to the Atlantic Works at East Boston to have necessary repairs made.

Eight of our staff attended the Annual Vermont Association of Boston Banquet at the Hotel Vendome on February 9. Superintendent William M. Meacham is the newly-elected President of this group.

Our Band gave a fine performance for the Engineers' Blue Room Club on February 9. This is a Masonic body and the members invited the boys with the sole purpose of giving them a pleasant evening. Our Bandmaster, Mr. Warren, spoke briefly, after which the President of the club told of our school and read some of its history. After a concert of about ninety minutes duration by the Band, a program was given by the Club to the boys. The artists included a cowboy singer and clown magician, both of whom were very good. Refreshments were served following the entertainment. Among those present at the Club were listed some of our graduates and some who had previously served as engineers in our Power Plant. We thank the Blue Room Club for a most pleasant evening.

An illustrated lecture, "Important Events in the Life of Christ" was given on February 10, by Mr. F. Dean Banta, who has charge of our religious services for this year.

Manager and Mrs. William Alcott visited the School on the evening of February 12.

On the eve of Lincoln's Birthday the Third Class gave a program called "The Making of the Flag" which told how everyone really helps to make the flag.

Lincoln's Birthday was observed as a half-holiday. The boys utilized the time by commencing work on the snow forts for the annual snowball battle.

The Alumni held a get-together at the Ritz Plaza on Feb. 13. In attendance from the school were Superintendent Meacham and three members of the staff. Undergraduates who attended had a part in the program, more of which will be found on the Alumni page.

Two blacksmiths were here on Feb. 13.

The annual Gordon College night here took place on February 14. A large number came from the college and were entertained first by a band concert, and then several availed themselves of the opportunity to inspect our school before the principal events of the evening. Time for the basketball games soon came and our faculty team won a hard-fought game from the Gordon men. Our School Team lost to the regular Gordon team 53–17. Among the visitors was Clifford Taylor '15.

Sixteen boys had the pleasure of attending the Metropolitan Theatre on February 18.

The Baraca Club, a boys' group from the Winthrop Baptist Church spent February 19 at the Island. John E. Magee '34, a member of the Club, was instrumental in arranging the program. A basketball game was played, our boys winning easily.

February 22 was celebrated as is our custom, by a grand snow battle. This battle, which has grown to be one of our fine traditions, was staged near the east side, below the playgrounds. Two armies of even numbers and two sturdy snow forts, plus an unlimited quantity of snow all made for a real old-fashioned snow fight. The winning army was led by Harvey H. Davis.

On Jan. 31 an entertainment consisting of one act plays, together with pictures and songs was presented by a group of the boys.

Our Poultry Department has been honored by certification by The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, thus giving our flock the highest honor. The Certificate was granted under the rules and regulations of the Department of Agriculture.

The Academic Honors for the Class of 1935 were announced by Superintendent Meacham on Feb. 18. The Valedictorian is Harold F. Bent and the Salutatorian is David B. White.

The following graduates visited us during the month:
Carl P. Herman '29
Clyde W. Albee '33
William Alcott '84
Clifford Taylor '15
Donald Glenn '33
George O. Poole '27
Lloyd R. Morrison '34
Vincent D. Woodman '33
Ellsworth E. Hills '33
John E. Magee '34
Robert W. Mitchell '32
Benjamin F. Middleton '32
Ralph W. Milliken '31
Frederick S. Very '33

Calendar 50 Years Ago February 1885

As Kept by the Superintendent

3. A cold day. Went to the city on the ice going well up towards Commercial Point before crossing the channel, thence straight to the foot of K St. It took just one hour of good walking to complete the trip.

4. Dull. Some snow. Took our girls on a short ride to the So. End for a change. No one to the city.

5. A mild, thawing day. Took one boy with me to carry some boys' boots over the ice to So. Boston to be mended. Carried a package of printed matter to the Washington Bank. Got 2 webs of cotton cloth for boys' pillows. Also other bundles of various sizes and weights.

9. Crossed ice to town.

15. Thos. Hills, Esqr., came from K St., So. Boston on the ice and conducted services in A. M. returning at 1 o'clock P. M. Mr. S. B. Patten also crossed to the Island and passed the A. M. with us. On his return at 12:30 he witnessed the loss of a pair of valuable horses with sleigh, etc. from breaking through the ice. They belonged to and were driven by a Mr. Manning who moves safes. Headquarters on Sudbury St. I think. This comes of persons driving on the ice without any knowledge of its strength. This has been a very fine day and many people are abroad on the ice. Graduates James and Lincoln Graham, Horace Sweetser, McCullen and Wilson took advantage of the ice to cross and spend a few minutes with us.

26. Yesterday we had a snow storm but today is fine again. Went early this morning with the horse sled, drawn by boys, to the foot of K Street with about 1,000 lbs. of freight to go to the city. A team from the city met us with meat, etc. so that we had a load back. Mr. S. G. DeBlois came today from same point, walking to and from on the ice which he enjoyed. At 2:30 I took a two horse load of hay to Mr. Patten at Savin Hill crossing the channel near the bend at a point opposite to Savin Hill. This made a good and novel day's work.

Calendar 90 Years Ago February 1845

As Kept by the Superintendent

10. George E. Simpson left the school and returned home with his father.

15. Received a horse, by Mr. Bird, for the farm.

27. Received a visit from Deacon Grant and Mr. J. I Bowditch.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, February 28, 1935

RESOURCES

Savings Bank	$929.67
Cash	219.15
	$1148.82

LIABILITIES

Boys' Deposits	$330.27
Trading Co. Deposits	465.42
Cottage Row Deposits	30.47
Photo Company Deposits	78.79
Surplus	243.87
	$1148.82

February Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 53° on the twenty-seventh.

Minimum Temperature -1° on the fifth.

Mean Temperature for the month 30°.

Six clear days, eight partly cloudy, and fourteen cloudy.

The Jester's Comments

—The magnetic power of Peter C. Ferguson Mann to annex marbles, glassies, and agates has caused many of the boys to view him with suspicion. He always wins! Peter is a bonnie laddie from Auld Scotland and knows just how it's done.

—He probably spoke too hastily in his determination to recite first, but Ma Bailey caused class work to be suspended for a moment or two by declaring that Peter the Great wanted to get some of Switzerland's fine seaports.

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The Alumni Get-Together

The Annual Get-Together of the Alumni was held on Wednesday evening, February 13, at the Ritz-Plaza Hall, 218 Huntington Avenue, Boston. Guests included a group of the Board of Managers, the Superintendent of the School and five undergraduates. Attendance was good. Following a buffet supper there was a period of skits and remarks, with vocal and instrumental numbers interspersed.

The School Brass Quartet, composed of Harold F. Bent, '35, Harold B. DeLorie, '35, Franklin M. Pierce, '35 and James T. Ritchie, '36 gave a fine concert. John A. Paley, '29 and Howard B. Ellis, '99, with Howard B. Ellis, Jr., gave an instrumental duet. A group of songs was sung by S. Leo Whitehead, '23.

Norman F. Chausse, '36 and Harold F. Bent, '35 presented in costume, the skit "Interviewing a Granger."

Attention was called to the fact that the date marked the 75th anniversary of the birth of Charles Henry Bradley, for 34 years superintendent of the School, while the previous Sunday marked the 111th anniversary of the birth of William Appleton Morse, Mr. Bradley's predecessor, who was superintendent 32 years.

Merton P. Ellis, the secretary, now serving his 34th year as an officer of the Association, read the necrology for the year, which included: Thomas J. Evans, '64; LeRoy S. Kenfield, '82; Clifford G. Leonard, '16; Dr. Charles Evans, '66; Francis Shaw, former member of the Board of Managers, and Miss Ruth J. Morse, daughter of former principal John Ripley Morse, and the members stood in silence as a mark of respect.

Arthur Adams, President of the Board of Managers, brought the greetings of that body and announced the election of another member of the Alumni, William Alcott, '84, to the Board at the recent annual meeting.

Dr. Henry Jackson, Major Philip Sears and Vice-President Edward Wigglesworth, of the Board of Managers, were introduced and the Superintendent of the School, William M. Meacham, gave an interesting account of the School activities.

Will F. Davis, '79, spoke briefly of his recent 50th wedding anniversary. Among the visitors at that occasion were President Frederick W. Pearson, '78, Superintendent Meacham, and Preston W. Lewis, '81.

Other speakers were Alfred C. Malm, assistant treasurer, Fred Pearson, president of the Alumni; James H. Graham and William Alcott, former presidents; Charles W. Russell, United States inspector of marine Boilers and Ernest V. Wyatt of the Coast Guard. Howard B. Ellis, Will F. Davis and James H. Graham, were the committee in charge.

KENNETH E. KEARNS, '25 completed his work at The University of New Hampshire and received his degree of B.S. last Christmas. We congratulate him upon the completion of his college work, for he has succeeded in spite of great difficulties. He is now a night reporter on the staff of the Manchester N. H. Union.

LESLIE W. ALDRICH, '29 is in the employ of the Universal Carloading Co., at the South Station, Boston. His home address is 123 Tarbox Street, Dedham.

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An Unexpected Visit

Situated as we are between two large airports we are able to see the various types of aircraft. When the planes fly low, or land on the water or on the Island they are viewed with interest by our boys.

The Alumni Get-Together

On February 13 the Alumni Association invited five boys to take part in its Get-Together at the Ritz-Plaza. They included the members of the Brass Quartet and one other boy who took part in a skit.

Upon arriving at the hall we made everything ready for our part in the program. The graduates arrived and we were invited to have supper. The program for the evening then began. The Brass Quartet played two selections, after which there were alumni who rendered vocal and instrumental solos and duets. The sketch "Interviewing a Granger" was given by Harold F. Bent and Norman Chausse. Many of those present gave short addresses.

The boys who attended were: Harold F. Bent, Norman H. Chausse, James T. Ritchie, Franklin M. Pierce and William Littlejohn.

Harold F. Bent I

The Ritz-Plaza Concert

On February 9th the Blue Room Engineers' club invited our band to be their guests. This is a Masonic Club, and a member of it met us at City Point and escorted us to the Club Rooms.

We were given a very nice room for our own use, and after getting our instruments ready we marched to the large hall where we got ready to play. Mr. Warren, our Bandmaster, was introduced and he spoke briefly, after which the President of the Club read historical facts and admission requirements from the school bulletin.

We then played a concert, which was quite long due to the demands of the club members. Three long symphonic overtures, several marches, novelties and solos made up the program. The soloists were Harold F. Bent, Cornet, and Harold B. DeLorie, Trombone.

We then watched a splendid performance by Curly Joe, a cowboy singer and a magical performance by a clown magician. These two artists gave us a wonderful show and we enjoyed them thoroughly.

The club members then invited us to supper and we had a very fine luncheon in their dining hall.

It was very late when we returned to the Island. We had a wonderful time and wish to thank the Club for its kindness.

William L. Littlejohn II

An Experience on the Ice

Following a severe snowstorm and cold weather Dorchester Bay froze over so thickly that our boat was unable to cross.

On February 11 Mr. Albee and I left to get the mail, by way of Squantum. The snow was deep which made walking difficult, but upon reaching the ice it became easier. We made our way across the ice and took a bus to Atlantic, and from there went in town. We did a few necessary errands and got the mail.

It was dark when we returned to the Island and two of the boys had come with lights to help us. This was an experience long to be remembered.

Franklin M. Pierce I

The New Bread Mixer

On Monday, March 4, Mr. Meacham sent for some boys to go to City Point and help get the new bread mixer. This weighs 1200 pounds, and was heavily crated.

Upon arriving at City Point we took boards and used them for skids, thus sliding the mixer from the truck to the ground. The skids were again used to get the mixer down the gangway and onto the stern deck of the Pilgrim III. We then left for the School.

When we reached the Island we moved the mixer from the boat onto the float, where it was pushed to the gangway. Here a heavy rope was tied around the crate and the boys pulled on the rope. Mr. Meacham and Russell Jones stayed in back to keep it from slipping, while Robert Young, Jesse Mann, John Macdonald and Mr. Jardine pulled on the rope from the wharf. Edward Andrew and Harold DeLorie stayed on the gangway and changed rollers and kept the mixer going smoothly up the gangway. When the top was reached it was pulled onto a drag and a team of horses pulled it to the stockroom in the Main Building.

The mixer is similar in construction to our old one, except that it is larger and has many modern improvements. It is painted white, and all turning and other moving parts are enclosed, as far as it is possible to do so.

Edward E. Andrew I

Our Grade Readings

The First and Second Class Grade Readings were consolidated as debates. The first was given January 28 upon the subject Resolved: That the Pilgrim III is better suited to the needs of the School than the Pilgrim II. The First Class upheld the affirmative. The negative won 4 to 1. The affirmative speakers were Walter A. Bishop, Francis A. Curtin and Harold B. DeLorie. The negative speakers were John A. Bailey, Francis D. McAuliffe, and Ralph Talbot. Walter Bishop and Francis McAuliffe gave the rebuttals. Five instructors judged the debate.

At the next Grade Reading two other teams from each class debated the subject, Resolved: That horses are better suited to the needs of the School than a tractor. The negative won this debate, the members of the team being Harvey H. Davis, John R. Macdonald, and Harold F. Bent. The affirmative speakers were Elvin C. Bean, Ernest F. Peterson and Russell G. Bartholomew. Russell Bartholomew and Harold Bent gave the rebuttals.

The debates were well given and interesting. They came at an opportune time, as the Second Class was studying debating as part of its English course.

Russell G. Bartholomew II

The Fords Game

On February 9th our School basketball team went to the Ruggles Street Gymnasium to play the Fords Club basketball team. This team is made up of members of the Fords Club of the Ruggles Street Baptist Church.

We got away to a good start and our plays worked well, especially during the first half, when we were leading 22-12. As the last half proceeded, the Fords Club slowly gained on us and we had to work hard to keep any kind of a lead. When the final whistle blew we were ahead, but only by one point, the final score being 40-39.

Our second team lost to the Fords Club second team, 44-22.

All who took part in these games enjoyed them. We had a good time and good sportsmanship was evident throughout the games.

Roy M. Dole I

A Trip to the City

On February 18 Mr. Meacham took eighteen boys to the Metropolitan Theatre, and I was fortunate to be selected to go. The picture we saw was "Devil Dogs of the Air", which was a story about airplanes. There was a good show on the stage. We enjoyed the trip very much.

David F. Hills II

A Trip to Squantum

One Saturday morning I was told to get a horse and sleigh ready to go to Squantum for farm supplies. Soon the Instructor, myself and other boys were on our way to South End and we crossed the ice to Squantum. We began to load the sleigh and some photographers came and set up their instruments and took many pictures.

It was a novelty to cross the ice and we enjoyed it.

Elvin C. Bean II

The New Dog

On February 8th a small white Fox terrier arrived at the Island. The first night that she was here she did nothing but run. Her home is in the printing office and everything moveable is carried by her to her dog box. She is good natured except when anyone tries to take a bone away from her.

Her name is "Webby" and she will come when anyone calls her name.

Warren F. Morse II

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Francis Shaw

We published a short article about our former Manager, Mr. Francis Shaw in the February BEACON. We have since received a much more intimate communication from Manager Henry Jackson, M. D. Dr. Jackson having been the medical member of the Board since 1902, they served together many years. We are glad to have the following tribute to former Manager Francis Shaw from the pen of Dr. Jackson.

"In the death of Francis Shaw The Farm and Trades School has lost a devoted friend and supporter. For many years he was a Manager, always interested in the welfare of the School and in the welfare of the boys and graduates. In his will he showed his interest in that he left a sum sufficient to care for the annual gift which he has made to the boys.

"Mr. Shaw was graduated at Harvard College in the class of 1875. He never entered into an active business career but devoted much time to various charity societies in which he was always ready to give his advice, and often he supported them generously with his money.

"Modeless was essentially a man of great re[illegible]—A[illegible] only his intimate friends were privileged to enjoy his confidence. One may truly say of Francis Shaw that he was "A gentleman of the old school." His intimate friends knew him as a most affectionate man, always ready with his sympathy to come to the help of those less fortunate than he was.

"I had the privilege of seeing him occasionally in consultation as to very

private matters, and sometimes I pitied him as he was obliged under the circumstances to talk with me about affairs that I knew he dreaded to speak about.

"His special work for the School was in assisting us with advice and instruction as to our herd as he was a well trained amateur farmer. It will be long before we have as Manager a kinder friend."

Topics in Brief

The basketball season was completed this month. In the Sears' competition Club A First team won the championship, winning a series of very spirited contests. Our club schedule had eight teams competing, and the season was very successful.

The School team won four of the ten games played, and lost several in overtime periods. Our second school team engaged in some contests and did so well that we hope for a strong team in this sport next winter.

Basketball has grown steadily more popular with the boys, and there are few who do not take an active interest in this sport.

A Drawing Contest, sponsored by one of our teachers, brought forth an unusual amount of talent in this line. Ralph Talbot '36 won the prize for the best drawing of the exhibit. The contest [illegible] good and very much worth-wh

A new receiving tank was installed in our Power Plant on March 14, steamfitters coming here to do the work.

We have had performances under the auspices of the local E. R. A. Committee, which we enjoyed.

On Sunday March 10 we were able to watch the Italian liner Roma come into the harbor. This is the largest steamship to make Boston a regular call.

Our Sunday Evening Church services have been made very interesting by the work of various groups in arranging special music. Our two brass quartettes have played, and special combinations of other instruments have been heard. Three of the instructors have assisted with musical numbers.

The first baseball practice of the year occured on March 11.

Supervised study periods have been held during the Winter term, our Assembly Hall having been used for this purpose.

A very clever dramatization of the youth of Abraham Lincoln was given by the Sixth Class on March 4, 1935.

The Printing Office boys were the guests of Manager William Alcott on March 27. The boys and their instructor arrived at the Boston Globe building and were met by Manager Alcott. They were told first of the Library, of which Manager Alcott is in charge, and then a special guide escorted the group through the newspaper plant explaining the various processes in the making of a newspaper. Manager Alcott then arranged for lunch for the group. We are indebted to him for a most instructive visit, and a very pleasant time.

The regular spring vacation began on March 25, and continued for one week. Good weather prevailed and the boys were playing outdoor games most of the time

We have listened to the Biblical Dramas which are broadcast at two o'clock each Sunday afternoon. They present the stories of the Old Testament in most artistic dramatizations, and to which the boys listen with keen interest.

Calendar 50 Years Ago March 1885

As Kept by the Superintendent

2. Last Saturday, Feb. 28th, we walked on the ice to South Boston. Yesterday, Sunday, the wind blew fresh from the southwest and took the ice on which we walked the day before out. To-day we launched a boat for the first time since Jan. We have had an ice bridge for a month and we have enjoyed it ever so much. Today we have painted the "Emma" boat outside, oiled oars, etc. etc.

3. Monthly report. Number boys in school, 101. No changes this month. Met Executive Committee on library, etc.

6. Had the dory go to the city for meat and other supplies. A man came to measure boys for new clothes.

14. Some of our family went to the city. The day very fair. Finished printing the report of the Plummer Farm School. Salem, Mass. The teacher being ill, the Supt. had full care of boys. In P. M. washed them and changed their clothes and made everything nice and clean.

26. This morn, much to our surprise, the ground was covered with snow, and it has been very hard to care for the boys today as they could not go out and exercise. The Supt. has had control all day as the principal has had the day off.

Calendar 90 Years Ago March 1845

As Kept by the Superintendent

4. Admitted William F. Neal, born in Salem, April 23, 1831.

7. Peter M'Kenna returned to the School.

28. Hon. Theodore Lyman visited the School. Admitted Wm. W. Averill of Roxbury.

30. The Superintendent conducted the religous services of the Sabbath on this and the preceding Sabbaths of the month.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, March 31 1935

RESOURCES

Savings Bank	$929.67
Cash	209 83
	$1139.50

LIABILITIES

Boys' Deposits	$298.16
Trading Co. Deposits	480.30
Cottage Row Deposits	30.47
Photo Company Deposits	86.70
Surplus	243.87
	$1139.50

March Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 71° on the sixteenth.

Minimum Temperature 17° on the first.

Mean Temperature for the month 39°.

Eight clear days, fifteen partly cloudy, and eight cloudy.

The Jester's Comments

—We have a boy who thinks he can "Crouch" and jump over "Hills". We also have two ex-presidents "Franklin Pierce" and "Theodore Roosevelt". We have a "White" boy who is "Very" "Young".

—A good definition of nothing is a bladeless jacknife without any handle.

—A blotter is a thing you look for while the ink dries.

—Ralph Talbot says that mosquitoes are stupendous in his home town. They come in billions. He had a pair of horses and he left them in the yard while he went into the house a few minutes. When he returned the skeeters had eaten the horses and were pitching horseshoes to see who would take the harness.

—Things of Beauty. Add Red Chausse's facial expressions.

The Sloyd Exhibit

Our School had an exhibition of Sloyd work in several prominent places in Boston, as a part of the Boston Emergency Relief Campaign.

A large number of those participating in the campaign arranged exhibits. For the first few days of the campaign the exhibits were located in the ballroom of the Copley-Plaza hotel. Then they were distributed to various places in Boston and moved once a week so as to attract the attention of as many people as possible.

Our Sloyd exhibit attracted many people because of its interesting work. Two boys and one instructor were present at the exhibit. We had a miniature woodworking shop and made many articles.

William C. Parsons II

The Tremont Templars Game

On February sixteenth the Tremont Templars boys' club came here for a basketball game. We had already lost to this team at their gymnasium, and we were determined to win this return game. At the first whistle we began scoring and ran up a fourteen point lead at the end of the half. After the second half was only two minutes old our first team was replaced by the second team, and the seconds played practically the whole of the last half. We won easily by a score of 38-10.

Lewis C. Goodwin II

Academic Honors

Each year about this time Mr. Meacham announces the graduating class leaders, from the academic standpoint. The marks achieved in school by each member of the class are averaged to determine the Valedictorian and the Salutatorian.

The Valedictorian of the Class of 1935 is Harold F. Bent, whose average was 90.14. The Salutatorian is David B. White with an average of 88.51. Undoubtedly these boys worked hard for this honor, and are proud of being the class leaders.

Reginald A. Burlingame I

An Illustrated Lecture

One Sunday evening, Mr. Banta, our minister, arranged to have stereopticon slides which showed prominent places and people in the Life of Christ. With each slide was a description given by Mr. Banta. There were pictures of the disciples, the Last Supper, the woman at the well and the Crucifixion.

It was a very good lecture and I hope we can have another one soon.

Edward L. Very II

The Drawing Contest

One day our teacher Mr. Walston announced that he was going to sponsor a drawing contest, and to which any boy might enter. A large number of the boys were interested and began their drawings at once. They were done on special paper, eight by ten inches in size. The contest lasted one month and the drawings were on exhibition in the schoolroom. Three Instructors acted as judges and nine prizes were awarded.

The best drawing of the whole exhibit was by Ralph Talbot.

John R. MacDonald's "Arab I" received first prize in the Boat, Auto, and Airplane group. David White received second prize.

David Kenvin received first prize for the best drawing of a person and Francis Curtin received second prize.

David Kenvin received first prize for the best cartoon and John MacDonald second prize.

In the best animal group Orlando M. Murphy won first and also second prize.

All those who entered the contest found it very interesting and wish to thank Mr. Walston.

Orlando M. Murphy I

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Miss Ruth Jane Morse

Miss Ruth Morse, eldest daughter of John Ripley Morse, who was identified with the School for a long period of years, died February 11th, and was buried from the Old South Hingham Unitarian Church, February 13th.

Miss Morse was born in Chicago in 1869 and came to the School with her father and mother after the Civil War. With them also were her brother, Augustus and sister Mabel. Another brother, Norman F. was born at the Island in 1877.

After finishing at the School, Ruth went to the Gaston School at South Boston and from there into business. She continued her study of music, eventually moving to Hingham near her brother Norman. Here she played the organ in church, instructed the choir and gave music lessons in the schools and at her studio.

Her quiet, unassuming, lovable, Christian personality endeared her to all who knew her, and her passing will be a great loss to the community.

Miss Morse came to a Field Day at the School for the first time last June 17th and held quite a reception with the older graduates who were there. Many times after that she spoke to her brother of the pleasant time and the beauty of the trees and the shore line.

The Association was represented at the funeral by Pres. Frederick W. Pearson, '78, Walter B. Foster, '78, Preston W. Lewis, '81, and Norman F. Morse, '85.

HORACE A. TAYLOR, '29, is employed at the Hathaway Book Shop, Wellesley, Mass. He has completed an evening course at Wentworth Institute on "Air Conditioning". His home address is 59 Crest Road, Wellesley.

CHARLES L. KELLER, '29, is employed by Hurst Inc., of Boston, as a machinist. His home is at 31 Brookdale Street, Roslindale.

HENRY M. CASWELL, '32 is an automobile salesman with a Topsfield, Mass. concern. Mail addressed to that town will reach him.

We are happy to announce that HENRY A. SCHRAMM, '29, is the proud father of a son, born November 15. Mr. Schramm has been employed for nearly six years by the Lewis B. Tracy Inc., a Boston concern making belting. During the past six months he has been a salesman for this company.

GORDON G. MACINTIRE, '08, has received another promotion. He has done fine work as a member of the Reading, Mass. Police Department. His address is South Woburn Street, Reading, Massachusetts.

Alumni visitors this month:
William H. Thompson, '29
Thomas W. Eastty, '31
Harold E. Floyd, '29
Kenneth C. Caswell, '33
Arthur H, Pickard, '34
William S. Wilson, '34
Charles L. Keller, '29
Frederick S. Very, '33
Walter K. Pratt, '33